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Thursday, May 11, 2023  
15 minutes prior to Session  
State Capitol, Room 126

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 5/10/2023  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, ACR 77 has been added to the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/11/2023

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 17**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ramos**

February 15, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Relative to California Native American Day and the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 17, as introduced, Ramos. California Native American Day and the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference.

This measure would recognize the importance of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on September 22, 2023, and the annual California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference, to the enhancement of awareness of California Indian culture.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, More Native Americans call California home and
- 2 the state includes more federally recognized Indian tribes than any
- 3 other state in the United States; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The cultural and governmental contributions of
- 5 the Native people of California have shaped the course of the state
- 6 throughout history; and
- 7 WHEREAS, California designates the fourth Friday of every
- 8 September as Native American Day; and
- 9 WHEREAS, California Native American Day is celebrated in
- 10 this state by tribes and communities across the state, and is a day
- 11 for educators of California to teach factual California Indian history
- 12 in schools; and

1 WHEREAS, California Indian tribes are committed to  
2 contributing to the educational curricula provided by the state and  
3 believe in providing new and improved educational resources about  
4 the varied cultural histories of, and governance models used by,  
5 California Native Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, One notable example of the preservation and  
7 teaching of that varied cultural history is Robert Levi, a Torres  
8 Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian from the Torres Martinez Indian  
9 Reservation, who was instrumental in retaining and teaching Desert  
10 Cahuilla bird songs to connect all with ancient knowledge of the  
11 world and tell the story of how the ancestors came to the  
12 homelands; and

13 WHEREAS, Significant legislation has been passed in both  
14 houses and signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom since  
15 2018, such as Assembly Bill 1703 (2021), commonly referred to  
16 as the California Indian Education Act, encouraging local education  
17 agencies to collaborate with tribes local to their area on Native  
18 American studies; Assembly Bill 2022 (2021), an act prohibiting  
19 the use of a racist and misogynistic slur for geographic features  
20 and place names in the State of California; and Assembly Bill 338  
21 (2021), an act replacing a monument on the State Capitol grounds  
22 with a monument created with the input of local tribal nations; and

23 WHEREAS, This is the fifth California Native American Day  
24 since Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order  
25 apologizing for the historical wrongs tolerated, encouraged,  
26 subsidized, and committed by state actors against California Native  
27 Americans; and

28 WHEREAS, We can never undo the wrongs inflicted on the  
29 people who have lived on this land that we now call California,  
30 but we can work together to build bridges, tell the truth about  
31 California's past, and begin to heal deep wounds; and

32 WHEREAS, The Governor has also called for a Truth and  
33 Healing Council to hear testimony and clarify the historical record  
34 on the relationship between the state and California Native  
35 Americans; and

36 WHEREAS, The California Indian Cultural Awareness  
37 Conference will be held concurrently with California Native  
38 American Day and will assist educators by providing new  
39 educational resources regarding the rich and varied lives of the  
40 California Indian Nations; now, therefore, be it

1     *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
2     *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the importance  
3     of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on  
4     September 22, 2023, and the annual California Indian Cultural  
5     Awareness Conference, to the enhancement of awareness of  
6     California Indian culture; and be it further  
7     *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
8     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 17 (Ramos) – As Introduced February 15, 2023

**SUBJECT:** California Native American Day and the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the importance of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on September 22, 2023, and the annual California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference, to the enhancement of awareness of California Indian culture. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More Native Americans call California home and the state includes federally recognized Indian tribes than any other state in the United States. The cultural and governmental contributions of the native people of California have shaped the course of the state throughout history.
- 2) California designates the fourth Friday of every September as Native American Day. California Native American Day is celebrated in this state by tribes and communities across the state, and is a day for educators of California to teach factual California Indian history in schools.
- 3) California Indian tribes are committed to contributing to the educational curricula provided by the state and believe in providing new and improved educational resources about the varied cultural histories of, and governance models used by, California Native Americans.
- 4) This is the fifth California Native American Day since Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order apologizing for the historical wrongs tolerated, encouraged, subsidized, and committed by state actors against California Native Americans.
- 5) We can never undo the wrongs inflicted on the people who have lived on this land that we now call California, but we can work together to build bridges, tell the truth about California's past, and begin to heal deep wounds.
- 6) The Governor has also called for a Truth and Healing Council to hear testimony and clarify the historical record on the relationship between the state and California Native Americans.
- 7) The California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference will be held concurrently with California Native American Day and will assist educators by providing new educational resources regarding the rich and varied lives of the California Indian Nations.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file



**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 47**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member McCarty**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Hoover, and**  
**Stephanie Nguyen)**  
(Coauthors: Senators Dahle and Niello)

March 27, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 47—Relative to Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 47, as introduced, McCarty. Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento Day.

This measure would recognize May 20, 2023, as Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento Day and resolve that elementary and middle schools across the Sacramento region should encourage girls in grades 3 to 8, inclusive, to get involved and participate in a nearby Girls on the Run program.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Established in 2003, Girls on the Run of Greater  
2 Sacramento is a nonprofit organization that provides after school  
3 empowerment programs in Sacramento, Yolo, and the western  
4 slopes of Placer and El Dorado Counties for girls in grades 3 to 8,  
5 inclusive; and

6 WHEREAS, Girls face social pressures and conflicting messages  
7 about how they should act and who they should be. Studies show  
8 that by their adolescence, girls’ confidence drops about twice as  
9 much as boys’, their friendships become more complicated and

1 challenging, their perception of their academic abilities declines,  
2 their likelihood of anxiety and depression increases, and their  
3 participation in physical activity plummets; and

4 WHEREAS, A 2016 independent study led by Dr. Maureen  
5 Weiss of the University of Minnesota found that the national Girls  
6 on the Run program’s intentional life skills curriculum and highly  
7 trained coaches positively impact girls’ lives by helping them  
8 increase self-confidence, develop healthy relationships, and feel  
9 good about themselves. Simply put, Girls on the Run inspires girls  
10 to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them  
11 one of a kind; and

12 WHEREAS, Through the Girls on the Run of Greater  
13 Sacramento program, trained volunteer coaches lead small teams  
14 through research-based curricula, which includes dynamic  
15 discussions, activities, and running games. Over the course of the  
16 10-week program, girls in grades 3 to 8, inclusive, develop essential  
17 skills to help them navigate their worlds and establish a lifetime  
18 appreciation for emotional and physical health and fitness; and

19 WHEREAS, Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento provides  
20 a safe and enriching after school option for kids who might not  
21 otherwise have access to either; and

22 WHEREAS, The Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento  
23 program culminates with girls positively impacting their  
24 communities through service projects and being physically and  
25 emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K event that  
26 includes more than 1,000 participants; and

27 WHEREAS, With the support of the California Legislature,  
28 Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento will be able to provide  
29 financial assistance to over 400 participants over the next three  
30 years who otherwise would not have been able to participate; and

31 WHEREAS, 2022 was the largest year ever for Girls on the Run  
32 of Greater Sacramento, providing this empowering program to  
33 over 670 girls in the Sacramento region, and for 2023, the 20th  
34 Anniversary year, they hope to bring the program to even more  
35 girls in the region; and

36 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Girls on the Run of Greater  
37 Sacramento has proudly served almost 6,000 area girls, and has  
38 been able to provide financial assistance to nearly one-half of its  
39 participants who otherwise would not have been able to participate;  
40 and

1 WHEREAS, Empowering young women to recognize their  
2 strengths and to support one another is more timely now than ever;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
5 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes May  
6 20, 2023, as Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento Day; and be  
7 it further

8 *Resolved*, That elementary and middle schools across the  
9 Sacramento region should encourage girls in grades 3 to 8,  
10 inclusive, to get involved and participate in a nearby Girls on the  
11 Run program; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
13 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 47 (McCarty) – As Introduced March 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 20, 2023, as Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento Day and encourages girls in grades 3 to 8, inclusive, to get involved and participate in a nearby Girls on the Run program. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Established in 2003, Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento is a nonprofit organization that provides after school empowerment programs in Sacramento, Yolo, and the western slopes of Placer and El Dorado Counties for girls in grades 3 to 8, inclusive.
- 2) Girls face social pressures and conflicting messages about how they should act and who they should be. Studies show that by their adolescence, girls' confidence drops about twice as much as boys', their friendships become more complicated and challenging, their perception of their academic abilities declines, their likelihood of anxiety and depression increases, and their participation in physical activity plummets.
- 3) A 2016 independent study led by Dr. Maureen Weiss of the University of Minnesota found that the national Girls on the Run program's intentional life skills curriculum and highly trained coaches positively impact girls' lives by helping them increase self-confidence, develop healthy relationships, and feel good about themselves.
- 4) Through the Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento program, trained coaches lead small teams through research-based curricula, which includes dynamic discussions, activities, and running games. Over the course of the 10-week program, girls in grades 3 to 8, inclusive, develop essential skills to help them navigate their worlds and establish a lifetime appreciation for emotional and physical health and fitness.
- 5) With the support of the California Legislature, Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento will be able to provide financial assistance to over 400 participants over the next three years who otherwise would not have been able to participate.
- 6) 2022 was the largest year ever for Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento, providing this empowering program to over 670 girls in the Sacramento region. For 2023, the 20th Anniversary year, they hope to bring the program to even more girls in the region.
- 7) Since its inception, Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento has proudly served more than 6,000 area girls, and has been able to provide financial assistance to nearly one-half of its participants who otherwise would not have been able to participate.
- 8) Empowering young women to recognize their strengths and to support one another is more timely now than ever.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 56**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez**

April 10, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 56—Relative to Emergency Medical Services Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 56, as introduced, Rodriguez. Emergency Medical Services Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of May 21, 2023, to May 27, 2023, inclusive, to be Emergency Medical Services Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are over 1 million  
2 emergency medical services personnel in the United States,  
3 including over 86,000 in the State of California; and

4 WHEREAS, Emergency medical services are a vital public  
5 service and the members of emergency medical services teams are  
6 ready to provide life-saving care to those in need 24 hours a day,  
7 seven days a week; and

8 WHEREAS, The emergency medical service system consists  
9 of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical  
10 technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators,  
11 and others; and

12 WHEREAS, The members of emergency medical services teams,  
13 whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of  
14 specialized training and continuing education to enhance their  
15 life-saving skills; and

1 WHEREAS, Emergency medical service providers are dedicated  
2 to saving lives and possess a sense of duty to aid others that is  
3 inherent in the profession and that stays with an emergency medical  
4 service provider for life; and  
5 WHEREAS, Approximately 25 to 30 million patients  
6 nationwide, and over 2 million patients in California, receive  
7 emergency medical services each year; and  
8 WHEREAS, Access to quality emergency medical care  
9 dramatically improves the survival and recovery rates of those  
10 who experience sudden illness or injury; and  
11 WHEREAS, Emergency medical service providers have made  
12 significant sacrifices in the course of duty, including the loss of  
13 life in service of others; and  
14 WHEREAS, The American College of Emergency Physicians  
15 was instrumental in establishing National Emergency Medical  
16 Services Week to honor the life-saving efforts of emergency  
17 medical services personnel; and  
18 WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford proclaimed the first National  
19 Emergency Medical Services Week in November of 1974; and  
20 WHEREAS, This year marks the 48th anniversary of National  
21 Emergency Medical Services Week; and  
22 WHEREAS, The theme of National Emergency Medical  
23 Services Week is “Where Emergency Care Begins”; and  
24 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the value and  
25 accomplishments of emergency medical services personnel by  
26 designating Emergency Medical Services Week in California;  
27 now, therefore, be it  
28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the week of  
30 May 21, 2023, to May 27, 2023, inclusive, to be Emergency  
31 Medical Services Week in California; and be it further  
32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
33 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 56 (Rodriguez) – As Introduced April 10, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Medical Services Week.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the week of May 21, 2023, to May 27, 2023, inclusive, to be Emergency Medical Services Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Emergency medical services are a vital public service and the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide life-saving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- 2) It is estimated that there are over 1 million emergency medical services personnel in the United States, including over 86,000 in the State of California. The emergency medical service system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others.
- 3) The members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their life-saving skills.
- 4) Emergency medical service providers are dedicated to saving lives and possess a sense of duty to aid others that is inherent in the profession and that stays with an emergency medical service provider for life.
- 5) Approximately 25 to 30 million patients nationwide, and over 2 million patients in California, receive emergency medical services each year. Access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rates of those who experience sudden illness or injury.
- 6) This year marks the 48th anniversary of National Emergency Medical Services Week and the theme this year is “Where Emergency Care Begins”.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 74**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Friedman**

May 4, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 74—Relative to Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 74, as introduced, Friedman. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of May 2023 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient  
2 transportation and recreation for more than 1,400,000 licensed  
3 Californians. Motorcycles travel approximately 21,000,000 miles  
4 each year in the United States, riding an average of 2,500 miles  
5 per year. Motorcycles provide a means of transportation that uses  
6 fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways,  
7 and increases available parking areas; and

8 WHEREAS, Through the Department of the California Highway  
9 Patrol’s California Motorcyclist Safety Program, the state trained  
10 over 52,000 riders in 2022, and 1,400,000 since the start of the  
11 program, along with the assistance of the California Office of  
12 Traffic Safety, through education, and the Department of  
13 Transportation’s freeway message boards. These efforts led to a  
14 2.66-percent decrease in motorcycle fatalities since 2014, while  
15 at the same time, nonmotorcycle traffic fatalities in California

1 increased by 41.3 percent, and nationwide motorcycle fatalities  
2 increased by an average of 10 percent. California leads the way in  
3 training and safety for motorcyclists, and we are saving lives; and

4 WHEREAS, It is important that drivers of all vehicles be aware  
5 of one another and learn to share the road and practice courtesy;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, ABATE of California, which is a motorcyclists  
8 rights and safety organization, the American Motorcyclist  
9 Association, the Bay Area Riders Forum, the Modified Motorcycle  
10 Association of California, and the California Motorcycle Dealers  
11 Association are organizations that actively promote the safe  
12 operation of motorcycles, advocate for more rider training courses  
13 through California Highway Patrol provider Total Control Training,  
14 and advocate increasing motorist recognition of motorcycles; now,  
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
18 month of May 2023 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in  
19 California, acknowledges the need for awareness on the part of all  
20 drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles,  
21 and honors motorcyclists’ many contributions to the communities  
22 in which they live and ride; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
24 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 74 (Friedman) – As Introduced May 4, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the month of May 2023 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California, and acknowledges the need for awareness on the part of all drivers with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation for more than 1,400,000 licensed Californians. Motorcycles travel approximately 21,000,000 miles each year in the United States, riding an average of 2,500 miles per year.
- 2) Motorcycles provide a means of transportation that uses fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways, and increases available parking areas.
- 3) Through the Department of the California Highway Patrol’s California Motorcyclist Safety Program, the state trained over 52,000 riders in 2022, and 1,400,000 since the start of the program. These efforts led to a 2.66-percent decrease in motorcycle fatalities since 2014, while at the same time, nonmotorcycle traffic fatalities in California increased by 41.3 percent. And, nationwide motorcycle fatalities increased by an average of 10 percent.
- 4) California leads the way in training and safety for motorcyclists, and we are saving lives. It is important that drivers of all vehicles be aware of one another and learn to share the road and practice courtesy.
- 5) Designating the month of May 2023 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California, will acknowledge the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles, and honor motorcyclists’ many contributions to the communities in which they live and ride.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 75**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ramos**  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Wiener)

May 4, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 75—Relative to Mental Health Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 75, as introduced, Ramos. Mental Health Awareness Month.

This measure would designate May 2023 as National Mental Health Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Mental illness is one of the leading causes of  
2 disabilities in the United States, affecting one out of every four  
3 families and victimizing both the person with the illness and those  
4 persons who care for and love the person afflicted; and  
5 WHEREAS, Serious mental illness costs Americans  
6 approximately \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year; and  
7 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Mental Health has  
8 reported that many people suffer from more than one mental  
9 disorder at a given time and that 45 percent of those with a mental  
10 disorder meet criteria for two or more disorders, including diabetes,  
11 cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, and cancer. The severity of  
12 the mental disorder strongly relates to comorbidity; and  
13 WHEREAS, Despite an overall decrease in the suicide rate in  
14 California, in 2020, youth, particularly Black, Latinx, and girls,  
15 all showed disproportionate increases in suicide. A shocking 78

1 percent of LGBTQ+ youth who were surveyed shared that they  
2 had considered suicide. The majority of those who had considered  
3 suicide shared that they had done so in the last year, and nearly  
4 one-third had made an attempt in the past year; and  
5 WHEREAS, The UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland  
6 reported a 63-percent increase in children experiencing mental  
7 health emergencies in 2020 compared to 2019; and  
8 WHEREAS, In October 2021, the American Academy of  
9 Pediatrics, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent  
10 Psychiatry, and the Children’s Hospital Association came together  
11 to declare a national state of emergency in children’s mental health;  
12 and  
13 WHEREAS, United States Surgeon General Vivek Murthy  
14 issued an advisory in December 2021, a move reserved for the  
15 most urgent public health challenges, highlighting the COVID-19  
16 pandemic’s devastating impact on the already dire state of  
17 children’s mental health; and  
18 WHEREAS, In California, there are nearly 60,000 children in  
19 the foster care system, and many youth still exit care without the  
20 support and guidance they need to successfully transition; and  
21 WHEREAS, Research indicates that foster youth experience  
22 rates of homelessness ranging from 11 percent to 38 percent,  
23 disproportionately higher than that of the general population; and  
24 WHEREAS, Fifty-seven million Americans have a mental  
25 disorder in any given year, but fewer than 40 percent of adults  
26 living with a mental illness, and slightly more than one-half of  
27 youth 8 to 15 years of age, inclusive, with a mental illness, received  
28 mental health services in the last year; and  
29 WHEREAS, Although mental illness impacts all people, many  
30 of those in lower income communities receive less care and poorer  
31 quality of care, and often lack access to culturally competent care,  
32 thereby resulting in mental health disparities; and  
33 WHEREAS, Some see negative perceptions about mental health  
34 care as a significant factor contributing to limited or nonexistent  
35 access to care, and some common concerns are stigma, culture,  
36 masculinity, exposure to violence, and lack of information and  
37 awareness, among many others; and  
38 WHEREAS, According to the California Reducing Disparities  
39 Project, being misdiagnosed and given a severe mental health  
40 diagnosis can be stigmatizing and can affect the person’s

1 self-esteem, which, in turn, can discourage the person from seeking  
2 help; and

3 WHEREAS, An estimated 70 percent of all youth in the juvenile  
4 justice system have at least one mental health condition, and at  
5 least 20 percent live with severe mental illness that is usually  
6 undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, untreated, or ineffectively treated,  
7 thus leaving those detained in the juvenile justice system in a  
8 vulnerable condition; and

9 WHEREAS, There is a need to improve public awareness of  
10 mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of  
11 brain diseases so that all those with mental illness may receive  
12 adequate and appropriate treatment that will result in their  
13 becoming fully functioning members of society; and

14 WHEREAS, There is a need to encourage primary care  
15 physicians to offer screenings, to partner with mental health care  
16 providers, to seek appropriate referrals to specialists, and to  
17 encourage timely and accurate diagnoses of mental disorders; and

18 WHEREAS, The Legislature wishes to enhance public  
19 awareness of mental illness; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes May  
22 2023 as National Mental Health Awareness Month in California  
23 to enhance public awareness of mental illness; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
25 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 75 (Ramos) – As Introduced May 4, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Mental Health Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 2023 as National Mental Health Awareness Month in California to enhance public awareness of mental illness. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Mental illness is one of the leading causes of disabilities in the United States, affecting one out of every four families and victimizing both the person with the illness and those persons who care for and love the person afflicted. Serious mental illness costs Americans approximately \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year.
- 2) Despite an overall decrease in the suicide rate in California, in 2020, youth, particularly Black, Latinx, and girls, all showed disproportionate increases in suicide. A shocking 78 percent of LGBTQ+ youth who were surveyed shared that they had considered suicide. The majority of those who had considered suicide shared that they had done so in the last year, and nearly one-third had made an attempt in the past year.
- 3) In October 2021, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and the Children’s Hospital Association came together to declare a national state of emergency in children’s mental health.
- 4) United States Surgeon General Vivek Murthy issued an advisory in December 2021, a move reserved for the most urgent public health challenges, highlighting the COVID-19 pandemic’s devastating impact on the already dire state of children’s mental health.
- 5) In California, there are nearly 60,000 children in the foster care system, and many youth still exit care without the support and guidance they need to successfully transition. Research indicates that foster youth experience rates of homelessness ranging from 11 percent to 38 percent, disproportionately higher than that of the general population.
- 6) Although mental illness impacts all people, many of those in lower income communities receive less care and poorer quality of care, and often lack access to culturally competent care, thereby resulting in mental health disparities.
- 7) Some see negative perceptions about mental health care as a significant factor contributing to limited or nonexistent access to care, and some common concerns are stigma, culture, masculinity, exposure to violence, and lack of information and awareness, among many others.
- 8) There is a need to improve public awareness of mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of brain diseases so that all those with mental illness may receive adequate and appropriate treatment that will result in their becoming fully functioning members of society.



- 9) There is a need to encourage primary care physicians to offer screenings, to partner with mental health care providers, to seek appropriate referrals to specialists, and to encourage timely and accurate diagnoses of mental disorders.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 76**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Grayson  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Boerner, Wendy Carrillo,  
Cervantes, Chen, Davies, Gallagher, Lackey, and Wood)**

May 8, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to Firefighter Mental Health Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 76, as introduced, Grayson. Firefighter Mental Health Awareness Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of May 22 to May 26, inclusive, as Firefighter Mental Health Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Firefighting is a dangerous and physically  
2 demanding profession that requires the men and women of the fire  
3 service to routinely put themselves in harm’s way for the good of  
4 the communities that they serve; and  
5 WHEREAS, In addition to the physical demands of the  
6 profession, firefighting has been consistently rated as one of the  
7 most stressful and emotionally intense professions, often listed  
8 second only to front-line military personnel; and  
9 WHEREAS, Firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical  
10 service personnel assist people at the worst moments of their lives  
11 on a daily basis, experiencing repeated exposure to trauma as they  
12 work to assist others; and

1 WHEREAS, Long shifts, protracted time spent away from family  
2 and loved ones, and an ingrained culture of stoicism exacerbate  
3 the effects of these stresses, contributing to struggles and behavioral  
4 health issues, including depression, anxiety, and substance abuse;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In recent years, more firefighters have died by  
7 suicide than from traumatic, job-related incidents; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the Firefighter Behavioral Health  
9 Alliance, 90 firefighters and EMTs died by suicide in 2021, and  
10 126 died by suicide in 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that one in three firefighters  
12 will experience a post-traumatic stress injury at some point in their  
13 career and that firefighters are 10 times more likely to contemplate  
14 or attempt suicide than the general public; and

15 WHEREAS, Breaking the stigma related to behavioral health  
16 struggles and post-traumatic stress is critical to ensuring that  
17 firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical service personnel  
18 receive the care and resources they need in the form of peer support  
19 and professional counseling; and

20 WHEREAS, Peer support programs and confidential discussions  
21 with trusted colleagues and peers with similar work and life  
22 experiences provide not only an outlet to express these struggles  
23 but also allow for connections to life-saving resources; now,  
24 therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
27 week of May 22 to May 26, inclusive, as Firefighter Mental Health  
28 Awareness Week; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That California firefighters are urged to dedicate this  
30 week to discussions with their brothers and sisters of the impacts  
31 they face from the job, resources that are available, and  
32 destigmatizing behavioral health struggles; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
34 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 76 (Grayson) – As Introduced May 8, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Firefighter Mental Health Awareness Week.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the week of May 22 to May 26, inclusive, as Firefighter Mental Health Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Firefighting is a dangerous and physically demanding profession that requires the men and women of the fire service to routinely put themselves in harm's way for the good of the communities that they serve. In addition to the physical demands of the profession, firefighting has been consistently rated as one of the most stressful and emotionally intense professions, often listed second only to front-line military personnel.
- 2) Long shifts, protracted time spent away from family and loved ones, and an ingrained culture of stoicism exacerbate the effects of these stresses, contributing to struggles and behavioral health issues, including depression, anxiety, and substance abuse.
- 3) In recent years, more firefighters have died by suicide than from traumatic, job-related incidents. According to the Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance, 90 firefighters and EMTs died by suicide in 2021, and 126 died by suicide in 2020.
- 4) Studies have shown that one in three firefighters will experience a post-traumatic stress injury at some point in their career and that firefighters are 10 times more likely to contemplate or attempt suicide than the general public.
- 5) Breaking the stigma related to behavioral health struggles and post-traumatic stress is critical to ensuring that firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical service personnel receive the care and resources they need in the form of peer support and professional counseling.
- 6) Peer support programs and confidential discussions with trusted colleagues and peers with similar work and life experiences provide not only an outlet to express these struggles but also allow for connections to life-saving resources.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**House Resolution**

**No. 28**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ward  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Lee, Low, and Zbur)**

April 10, 2023

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House Resolution No. 28—Relative to Harvey Milk Day.

1     WHEREAS, Harvey Bernard Milk was born on May 22, 1930,  
2     in Woodmere, New York. He was the first openly gay man to be  
3     elected to public office in a major city of the United States. He  
4     was assassinated in 1978 at San Francisco City Hall by a political  
5     rival. Perhaps more than any other modern figure, Harvey Milk’s  
6     life and political career embody the rise of the lesbian, gay,  
7     bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) civil  
8     rights movement in California, across the nation, and throughout  
9     the world; and  
10    WHEREAS, Harvey Milk graduated from the State University  
11    of New York at Albany, in Albany, New York in 1951. Thereafter,  
12    he served for a short time in the United States Navy; and  
13    WHEREAS, During the 1960s, Harvey Milk lived in New York  
14    City, first working on Wall Street as an investment banker and  
15    later as a theater producer; and  
16    WHEREAS, In 1972, Harvey Milk moved with his partner,  
17    Scott Smith, to San Francisco, California and opened a camera  
18    shop called Castro Camera; and  
19    WHEREAS, Harvey Milk soon emerged as a community leader  
20    in the Castro neighborhood of San Francisco, founding the Castro  
21    Valley Association of Local Merchants, and representing that  
22    association’s interests before city government; and

1 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk unsuccessfully ran for the Board of  
2 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco in 1973, and  
3 unsuccessfully ran for the Assembly in 1975. With each race, he  
4 gained more prominence and eventually became known endearingly  
5 by his neighbors as the “Mayor of Castro Street”; and

6 WHEREAS, After San Francisco adopted a district election  
7 system in 1977, Harvey Milk was elected to the Board of  
8 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco representing  
9 District 5. It was the first time in the history of the United States  
10 that an openly gay man was elected to a prominent political office;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, During his term on the board of supervisors, Harvey  
13 Milk sponsored and successfully passed a gay rights ordinance;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was instrumental in defeating  
16 Proposition 6, commonly known as the Briggs Initiative, at the  
17 General Election on November 7, 1978, that would have banned  
18 gays and lesbians from teaching in the public schools of this state;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, As an openly gay leader, Harvey Milk encouraged  
21 LGBT individuals to be visible in society. During the Gay Freedom  
22 Day Parade of June 25, 1978, he told the crowd, “Gay people, we  
23 will not win their rights by staying quietly in our closets”; and

24 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was also successful in forging  
25 coalitions with San Francisco’s other minority leaders. His message  
26 was one of unity against oppression in all its forms. In the same  
27 Gay Freedom Day speech, he said, “I call upon all minorities and  
28 especially the millions of lesbians and gay men to wake up from  
29 their dreams ... to gather on Washington and tell ... their nation:  
30 ‘Wake up ... wake up, America ... no more racism, no more sexism,  
31 no more ageism, no more hatred ... no more’”; and

32 WHEREAS, In 1978, Dan White, who represented District 8  
33 on the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
34 Francisco, resigned from his seat due to financial hardship, thus  
35 allowing the Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, to appoint  
36 a successor; and

37 WHEREAS, Dan White later asked Mayor Moscone to be  
38 reappointed to his seat. Mayor Moscone declined after having been  
39 lobbied by several city leaders, including Harvey Milk, who often  
40 clashed with Dan White due to their political differences; and

1 WHEREAS, On November 27, 1978, Dan White went to San  
2 Francisco City Hall to meet with Mayor Moscone and make a final  
3 plea for reappointment. When the mayor declined the request, Dan  
4 White shot and killed Mayor Moscone, then went to Harvey Milk’s  
5 office and also shot and killed him; and

6 WHEREAS, Dan White subsequently surrendered to the  
7 authorities. Though he had carried a gun, 10 extra rounds, and  
8 crawled through a window to avoid metal detectors, Dan White  
9 denied that the shootings were premeditated; and

10 WHEREAS, Thousands attended a spontaneous candlelight  
11 memorial vigil the night of Harvey Milk’s funeral; and

12 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk had anticipated the possibility of  
13 assassination and had recorded several audio tapes to be played in  
14 that event. One of the tapes included his now famous quote, “If a  
15 bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet  
16 door”; and

17 WHEREAS, Dan White’s trial, which began four months after  
18 the killings, was one of the most closely watched trials in California  
19 at that time. The prosecution claimed that Dan White’s motive  
20 was revenge. But Dan White’s attorney, Douglas Schmidt, claimed  
21 that Dan White was a victim of pressure and had been depressed,  
22 a state exacerbated by his consuming a large quantity of junk food  
23 before the murders, which became known as the “Twinkie  
24 Defense”; and

25 WHEREAS, During the trial, the jury also heard Dan White’s  
26 confession, which was tape recorded the day after the murders.  
27 During the confession, Dan White tearfully talked of how Mayor  
28 Moscone and Harvey Milk opposed his reappointment to  
29 supervisor; and

30 WHEREAS, Dan White was convicted of voluntary  
31 manslaughter on the grounds of diminished capacity and sentenced  
32 to seven years and eight months in prison, a sentence widely  
33 denounced as lenient and motivated by homophobia. During the  
34 jury selection process in the criminal trial, defense attorneys had  
35 excluded candidates they deemed “pro-gay”; and

36 WHEREAS, In protest of the lenient sentence, San Francisco’s  
37 gay community erupted in what came to be known as the “White  
38 Night Riots.” It began as a peaceful march from the Castro District  
39 to San Francisco City Hall, but turned into a riot when marchers

1 clashed with the police force outside of San Francisco City Hall;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk’s legacy as a civil rights leader is still  
4 felt today. He was named one of TIME Magazine’s most influential  
5 people of the 20th century. Many institutions and organizations  
6 are named for Harvey Milk, including the Harvey Milk  
7 Recreational Arts Center, the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy,  
8 the Harvey Milk Institute, the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk  
9 Memorial Branch Library, and the Harvey Milk  
10 Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Democratic Club in San  
11 Francisco; and

12 WHEREAS, Outside of San Francisco, a number of alternative  
13 schools in the United States are named for Harvey Milk, including  
14 Harvey Milk High School in New York City, and Oakes College  
15 at the University of California, Santa Cruz has an on-campus  
16 apartment building named for Harvey Milk; and

17 WHEREAS, In February 2007, the City of San Francisco agreed  
18 to erect a bust of Harvey Milk in San Francisco City Hall in tribute  
19 to his service and to memorialize his life’s work. A lengthy process  
20 to choose a design took place, and a gala installation event took  
21 place in May 2008, to coincide with Harvey Milk’s birthday; and

22 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk’s story as California’s first openly  
23 gay elected official was the topic of a major motion picture released  
24 in 2008, which educated audiences worldwide about Milk’s place  
25 in history as a trailblazer and civil rights pioneer; and

26 WHEREAS, In August 2009, President Barack Obama  
27 posthumously awarded Harvey Milk the Presidential Medal of  
28 Freedom for his contribution to the gay rights movement, stating,  
29 “he fought discrimination with visionary courage and conviction”;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, In July 2016, United States Secretary of the Navy,  
32 Ray Mabus, advised Congress that he intended to name the second  
33 ship of the Military Sealift Command’s John Lewis-class oilers  
34 USNS Harvey Milk. In November 2021, the ship was launched;  
35 and

36 WHEREAS, In April 2018, the San Francisco Board of  
37 Supervisors and Mayor Mark Farrell approved and signed  
38 legislation renaming Terminal 1 at San Francisco International  
39 Airport after Harvey Milk and planned to install artwork  
40 memorializing him. This followed a previous attempt to rename



1 the entire airport after him, which was turned down. Officially  
2 opening on July 23, 2019, Harvey Milk Terminal 1 is the world's  
3 first airport terminal named after a leader of the LGBTQ+  
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's life and social contributions have  
6 left an indelible mark on the history of our nation and hold a special  
7 meaning for the people of California; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
9 Assembly recognizes the pioneering contributions of Harvey Milk  
10 to the cause of LGBTQ+ civil rights and commemorates May 22,  
11 2023, as Harvey Milk Day; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
13 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
HR 28 (Ward) – As Introduced April 10, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Harvey Milk Day.

**SUMMARY:** Commemorates May 22, 2023 as Harvey Milk Day and recognizes the pioneering contributions of Harvey Milk to the cause of LGBTQ+ civil rights. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Harvey Bernard Milk was born on May 22, 1930, in Woodmere, New York. He was the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in a major city of the United States. Perhaps more than any other modern figure, Harvey Milk’s life and political career embody the rise of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) civil rights movement in California, across the nation, and throughout the world.
- 2) In 1972, Harvey Milk moved with his partner, Scott Smith, to San Francisco, California and opened a camera shop called Castro Camera. He soon emerged as a community leader in the Castro neighborhood of San Francisco, founding the Castro Valley Association of Local Merchants, and representing that association’s interests before city government.
- 3) Harvey Milk unsuccessfully ran for the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco in 1973, and unsuccessfully ran for the Assembly in 1975. With each race, he gained more prominence and eventually became known endearingly by his neighbors as the “Mayor of Castro Street.”
- 4) After San Francisco adopted a district election system in 1977, Harvey Milk was elected to the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco representing District 5. It was the first time in the history of the United States that an openly gay man was elected to a prominent political office. During his term on the board of supervisors, Harvey Milk sponsored and successfully passed a gay rights ordinance.
- 5) Harvey Milk was instrumental in defeating Proposition 6, commonly known as the Briggs Initiative, at the General Election on November 7, 1978, that would have banned gays and lesbians from teaching in the public schools of this state.
- 6) Harvey Milk was also successful in forging coalitions with San Francisco’s other minority leaders. His message was one of unity against oppression in all its forms. During a Gay Freedom Day speech, he said, “I call upon all minorities and especially the millions of lesbians and gay men to wake up from their dreams ... to gather on Washington and tell ... their nation: ‘Wake up ... wake up, America ... no more racism, no more sexism, no more ageism, no more hatred ... no more.’”
- 7) In 1978, Dan White, who represented District 8 on the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, resigned from his seat due to financial hardship, thus allowing the Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, to appoint a successor. Dan White later asked Mayor Moscone to be reappointed to his seat. Mayor Moscone declined after having been

lobbied by several city leaders, including Harvey Milk, who often clashed with Dan White due to their political differences.

- 8) On November 27, 1978, Dan White went to San Francisco City Hall to meet with Mayor Moscone and make a final plea for reappointment. When the mayor declined the request, Dan White shot and killed Mayor Moscone, then went to Harvey Milk's office and also shot and killed him.
- 9) Thousands attended a spontaneous candlelight memorial vigil the night of Harvey Milk's funeral. Harvey Milk had anticipated the possibility of assassination and had recorded several audio tapes to be played in that event. One of the tapes included his now famous quote, "If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door."
- 10) Harvey Milk's legacy as a civil rights leader is still felt today. He was named one of TIME Magazine's most influential people of the 20th century. Many institutions and organizations are named for Harvey Milk, including the Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Center, the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, the Harvey Milk Institute, the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, and the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Democratic Club in San Francisco.
- 11) Harvey Milk's life and social contributions have left an indelible mark on the history of our nation and hold a special meaning for the people of California.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**House Resolution**

**No. 34**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Schiavo**

May 4, 2023

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House Resolution No. 34—Relative to Period Poverty Awareness Week.

- 1     WHEREAS, Approximately one-half of the population will  
2     have a period every month for decades of their lives, as a natural  
3     part of development, despite whether they want to or not; and  
4     WHEREAS, Period supplies are a necessary product, each  
5     month, for millions of people across the country; and  
6     WHEREAS, National surveys and research studies report that  
7     one in four women, girls, and menstruators struggle to secure  
8     enough period supplies to meet their needs each month due to  
9     financial hardship; and  
10    WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated the  
11    limited access to menstrual health resources for women, girls, and  
12    menstruators, with over 8 percent of females 13 to 24 years of age  
13    reporting a lack of access to menstrual products; and  
14    WHEREAS, This lack of period supplies, known as period  
15    poverty, can adversely affect the physical health and mental  
16    well-being of menstruators; and  
17    WHEREAS, National surveys also report that one in five  
18    women, girls, and menstruators miss work or school due to a lack  
19    of sufficient period supplies; and  
20    WHEREAS, Period poverty exacerbates the vicious cycle of  
21    poverty by forcing menstruators to withdraw from daily life, losing  
22    pay or missing educational opportunities; and

1 WHEREAS, Menstruators struggling with period poverty risk  
2 infections by using proxy products, such as socks or toilet paper,  
3 or not changing products as often as needed; and

4 WHEREAS, The people of California recognize that period  
5 poverty is a public health and economic justice issue, and  
6 addressing period poverty can destigmatize the topic, lead to  
7 economic and educational opportunities for the state’s people and  
8 communities, and improve health for women, girls, and  
9 menstruators, thus ensuring all people have access to the basic  
10 necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and

11 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature passed several  
12 important measures to reduce period poverty, including providing  
13 menstrual products in schools, removing the tax on menstrual  
14 hygiene products, and prompting a pilot program to distribute  
15 menstrual products in the Counties of Los Angeles and San Diego;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, While California is proud to be home to some of  
18 the most impactful laws and policies to prevent period poverty, it  
19 is recognized that further action is needed to address this  
20 long-neglected problem; and

21 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Legislature that we continue  
22 to address the hygiene product deficits facing persons whenever  
23 they are menstruating and evaluate ways the state can address their  
24 needs in order to increase their standards of living, self-esteem,  
25 and participation in society by allocating resources and updating  
26 laws to improve the quality of life for those suffering from period  
27 poverty; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
29 Assembly recognizes May 22, 2023, to May 28, 2023, inclusive,  
30 as Period Poverty Awareness Week; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
32 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
HR 34 (Schiavo) – As Introduced May 4, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Period Poverty Awareness Week.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 22, 2023, to May 28, 2023, inclusive, as Period Poverty Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Approximately one-half of the population will have a period every month for decades of their lives, as a natural part of development, despite whether they want to or not. Period supplies are a necessary product, each month, for millions of people across the country.
- 2) The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated the limited access to menstrual health resources for women, girls, and menstruators, with over 8 percent of females 13 to 24 years of age reporting a lack of access to menstrual products. This lack of period supplies, known as period poverty, can adversely affect the physical health and mental well-being of menstruators.
- 3) National surveys and research studies report that one in four women, girls, and menstruators struggle to secure enough period supplies to meet their needs each month due to financial hardship.
- 4) National surveys also report that one in five women, girls, and menstruators miss work or school due to a lack of sufficient period supplies.
- 5) Period poverty exacerbates the vicious cycle of poverty by forcing menstruators to withdraw from daily life, losing pay or missing educational opportunities. Menstruators struggling with period poverty risk infections by using proxy products, such as socks or toilet paper, or not changing products as often as needed.
- 6) The people of California recognize that period poverty is a public health and economic justice issue, and addressing period poverty can destigmatize the topic, lead to economic and educational opportunities for the state's people and communities, and improve health for women, girls, and menstruators.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**House Resolution**

**No. 35**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes**

May 8, 2023

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House Resolution No. 35—Relative to Lung Cancer Action Week.

- 1 WHEREAS, The American Lung Association’s “State of the  
2 Air” 2023 Report noted that California communities face increased  
3 risk due to particle pollution; and  
4 WHEREAS, California is home to communities with the most  
5 significant particle pollution burdens in the nation, and people with  
6 lower incomes and people of color face significant disparities in  
7 local pollution exposures; and  
8 WHEREAS, Sources of particle pollution include diesel trucks  
9 and other transportation sources, powerplants, burning of wood,  
10 and wildfires; and  
11 WHEREAS, Long-term exposures to particle pollution can  
12 increase the risk of lung cancer and lung cancer death; and  
13 WHEREAS, Approximately every two and one-quarter minutes,  
14 a person in the United States is diagnosed with lung cancer; and  
15 WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths;  
16 and  
17 WHEREAS, Lung cancer screening saves lives, and advocacy  
18 and increased awareness will result in more high-risk individuals  
19 getting screened; and  
20 WHEREAS, Public support for research funding will result in  
21 new treatments and better methods of early detection; and  
22 WHEREAS, LUNG FORCE is a national initiative, led by the  
23 American Lung Association, to defeat lung cancer; now, therefore,  
24 be it

1     *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That*  
2 California hereby designates the second week in May as Lung  
3 Cancer Action Week throughout California and encourages all  
4 residents of California to take action and learn more about lung  
5 cancer, the risk factors, and early detection; and be it further  
6     *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*  
7 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
HR 35 (Reyes) – As Introduced May 8, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Lung Cancer Action Week.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the second week in May as Lung Cancer Action Week throughout California, and encourages all residents of California to take action and learn more about lung cancer, the risk factors, and early detection. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The American Lung Association’s “State of the Air” 2023 Report noted that California communities face increased risk due to particle pollution. California is home to communities with the most significant particle pollution burdens in the nation, and people with lower incomes and people of color face significant disparities in local pollution exposures.
- 2) Sources of particle pollution include diesel trucks and other transportation sources, power plants, burning of wood, and wildfires.
- 3) Long-term exposures to particle pollution can increase the risk of lung cancer and lung cancer death. Approximately every two and one-quarter minutes, a person in the United States is diagnosed with lung cancer.
- 4) Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths. Lung cancer screening saves lives, and advocacy and increased awareness will result in more high-risk individuals getting screened.
- 5) Public support for research funding will result in new treatments and better methods of early detection.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**House Resolution**

**No. 38**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Low, Bains, Chen, Mike Fong,  
Vince Fong, Kalra, Lee, Muratsuchi, Stephanie Nguyen, Ta, and  
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May 9, 2023

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House Resolution No. 38—Relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month..

1 WHEREAS, One of the earliest records of Asian and Pacific  
2 Islander Americans in the United States dates back to 1763 in New  
3 Orleans, Louisiana, where Filipino sailors who worked the  
4 Manila-Acapulco trade route settled; and

5 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made  
6 indelible contributions throughout the history of California and  
7 the United States that include, but are not limited to, building the  
8 Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the United States  
9 Armed Forces, fighting for the United States in foreign wars,  
10 coorganizing the Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil  
11 rights; and

12 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured  
13 hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and  
14 discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state’s and  
15 nation’s history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized  
16 citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, antimiscegenation  
17 laws, and Japanese internment; and

18 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to  
19 cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business,  
20 technology, education, science, government, law, humanities,  
21 medicine, sports, and entertainment; and

1 WHEREAS, California is home to over 7,000,000 Asian and  
2 Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian  
3 and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing  
4 ethnic populations in the state and nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans constitute  
6 17.5 percent of California’s population and represent diverse  
7 ancestries that include, but are not limited to, Asian Indian,  
8 Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro,  
9 Chinese, Taiwanese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo  
10 Jiman, Guamanian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian,  
11 Maldivian, Mongolian, Nepalese, Native Hawaiian, Vietnamese,  
12 Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Thai,  
13 Tongan, and other Asian and Pacific Islander groups; and

14 WHEREAS, California’s Asian and Pacific Islander American  
15 entrepreneurs are innovative and lead many successful businesses  
16 to the pinnacle of their respective industries nationally and globally,  
17 and 31.5 percent of the nation’s Asian-owned businesses are in  
18 California; and

19 WHEREAS, The California Commission on Asian and Pacific  
20 Islander American Affairs was established in 2004 and is charged  
21 with advising the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies on  
22 issues relating to the social and economic development, rights,  
23 and interests of California’s Asian and Pacific Islander American  
24 communities; and

25 WHEREAS, Federal law designates May as “Asian/Pacific  
26 American Heritage Month” in Section 102 of Title 36 of the United  
27 States Code; and

28 WHEREAS, Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage  
29 Month provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the  
30 achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific  
31 Islander Americans; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
33 *Assembly commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for*  
34 *their notable accomplishments and contributions to California, and*  
35 *recognizes May 2023 as Asian and Pacific Islander American*  
36 *Heritage Month; and be it further*

37 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*  
38 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
HR 38 (Low) – As Introduced May 9, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 2023 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, and commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and contributions to California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) One of the earliest records of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in the United States dates back to 1763 in New Orleans, Louisiana, where Filipino sailors who worked the Manila-Acapulco trade route settled.
- 2) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made indelible contributions throughout the history of California and the United States that include, but are not limited to, building the Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the United States Armed Forces, fighting for the United States in foreign wars, co-organizing the Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil rights.
- 3) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state's and nation's history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized citizenship ineligibility, the California Alien Land Law of 1913, anti-miscegenation laws, and Japanese internment.
- 4) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business, technology, education, science, government, law, humanities, medicine, sports, and entertainment.
- 5) California is home to over 7 million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in the state and nation.
- 6) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans constitute 17.5 percent of California's population and represent diverse ancestries that include, but are not limited to, Asian Indian, Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro, Chinese, Filipino, Guamanian, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo Jiman, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Maldivian, Mongolian, Native Hawaiian, Nepalese, Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, Tongan, Vietnamese, and other Asian and Pacific Islander groups.
- 7) Federal law designates May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month" in Section 102 of Title 36 of the United States Code.
- 8) Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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**Introduced by Senator Newman**

February 8, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to Family Physician Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 23, as introduced, Newman. Family Physician Week.

This measure would designate the week of March 26, 2023, to April 2, 2023, inclusive, as Family Physician Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California family physicians have historically  
2 demonstrated their dedication to the health and well-being of  
3 Californians by emphasizing coordinated care, better health  
4 outcomes and patient experience, and health equity; and  
5 WHEREAS, Family physicians have studied for a minimum of  
6 seven years from medical school through residency and have  
7 received specialized training to provide continuous preventive and  
8 primary medical care from birth to end-of-life for the people of  
9 our state; and  
10 WHEREAS, Family physicians provide continuity of care  
11 throughout each member of the family’s life as well as  
12 intergenerational care; and  
13 WHEREAS, Family physicians receive extensive training in  
14 behavioral health, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, and geriatric  
15 care; and  
16 WHEREAS, Family physician care is based on knowledge of  
17 the whole person in the context of the family and the community  
18 and is not limited by age, sex, or type of health condition, and their

1 broad skill set is particularly valuable in communities or  
2 geographical areas where certain specialists and subspecialists  
3 may not be available; and

4 WHEREAS, In the United States, nearly one-half of all visits  
5 to physicians’ offices in rural areas are to family physician offices  
6 and family physicians are the usual source of care for about one  
7 in five children; and

8 WHEREAS, Family physicians provide high-quality care and  
9 reduce costs to the health care system through leadership,  
10 collaboration, and innovation; and

11 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that every \$1 increase in  
12 primary care expenditures resulted in \$13 in savings in other  
13 services, such as specialty care, emergency department visits, and  
14 in-patient care; and

15 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, family physicians  
16 have worked on the front lines to provide testing, vaccinations,  
17 and critical care to patients ensuring their health, safety, and  
18 well-being; and

19 WHEREAS, The California Academy of Family Physicians is  
20 a physician organization with more than 10,000 family physicians,  
21 residents, and medical students dedicated to promoting the highest  
22 standards of the profession of family medicine, fostering excellence  
23 through continuing medical education, and serving as an advocate  
24 for family physicians and their patients; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
27 week of March 26, 2023, to April 2, 2023, inclusive, as Family  
28 Physician Week; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
30 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
SCR 23 (Newman) – As Introduced February 8, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** Family Physician Week.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the week of March 26, 2023, to April 2, 2023, inclusive, as Family Physician Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California family physicians have historically demonstrated their dedication to the health and well-being of Californians by emphasizing coordinated care, better health outcomes and patient experience, and health equity.
- 2) Family physicians provide continuity of care throughout each member of the family's life as well as intergenerational care. They receive extensive training in behavioral health, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, and geriatric care.
- 3) Family physician care is based on knowledge of the whole person in the context of the family and the community and is not limited by age, sex, or type of health condition, and their broad skill set is particularly valuable in communities or geographical areas where certain specialists and subspecialists may not be available.
- 4) Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, family physicians have worked on the front lines to provide testing, vaccinations, and critical care to patients ensuring their health, safety, and well-being.
- 5) The California Academy of Family Physicians is a physician organization with more than 10,000 family physicians, residents, and medical students dedicated to promoting the highest standards of the profession of family medicine, fostering excellence through continuing medical education, and serving as an advocate for family physicians and their patients.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



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**Introduced by Senator Ochoa Bogh  
(Coauthor: Senator Wahab)**

February 13, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Relative to California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 27, as introduced, Ochoa Bogh. California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

This measure would declare the week of April 9, 2023, to April 15, 2023, inclusive, as California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, When an emergency occurs, the prompt response  
2 of public safety personnel is critical to the protection of life and  
3 preservation of property; and

4 WHEREAS, Thousands of dedicated public safety dispatchers  
5 serve the citizens of the State of California on a daily basis by  
6 answering emergency and nonemergency calls for assistance and  
7 coordinating public safety field units; and

8 WHEREAS, These career professionals answer over 27,000,000  
9 911 calls annually; and

10 WHEREAS, These professionals measure their success in the  
11 lives that are saved by the 911 system each and every day; and

12 WHEREAS, Public safety dispatchers have contributed  
13 substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires,  
14 and helping of others during a critical time of need; and

15 WHEREAS, Public safety communications professionals work  
16 under challenging and stressful circumstances; and

1 WHEREAS, Public safety communications professionals  
2 dedicate their lives and careers to helping others; and  
3 WHEREAS, Effective January 1, 2021, Chapter 68 of the  
4 Statutes of 2020 recognized public safety dispatchers as first  
5 responders in the State of California; and  
6 WHEREAS, In 1991, the United States Congress designated  
7 the second week in April as National Public Safety  
8 Telecommunicators Week; and  
9 WHEREAS, California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week  
10 will recognize all public safety dispatchers who are an integral  
11 part of California’s first responder team, who work 24 hours per  
12 day, seven days per week, and serve as the first critical contact our  
13 citizens have with emergency services; now, therefore, be it  
14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares the week  
16 of April 9, 2023, to April 15, 2023, inclusive, to be California  
17 Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and honors and recognizes  
18 the importance and contributions of California’s public safety  
19 communications professionals and commends them for their  
20 continued commitment and service to the residents of California;  
21 and be it further  
22 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
23 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
SCR 27 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced February 13, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the week of April 9, 2023, to April 15, 2023, inclusive, to be California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; and, honors and recognizes the importance and contributions of California’s public safety communications professionals to the residents of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) When an emergency occurs, the prompt response of public safety personnel is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property. Thousands of dedicated public safety dispatchers serve the citizens of the State of California on a daily basis by answering emergency and nonemergency calls for assistance and coordinating public safety field units.
- 2) These career professionals answer over 27 million 911 calls annually and measure their success in the lives that are saved by the 911 system each and every day.
- 3) Public safety dispatchers have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and helping of others during a critical time of need.
- 4) Public safety communications professionals work under challenging and stressful circumstances, and dedicate their lives and careers to helping others.
- 5) California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week will recognize all public safety dispatchers who are an integral part of California’s first responder team, who work 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and serve as the first critical contact our citizens have with emergency services.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (CALNENA)

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

February 25, 2023

Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh  
Senate District 23  
Swing Space, 1021 O St, Room 7220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for SCR 27 (California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week)

Dear Senator Ochoa Bogh,

On behalf of the California Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (CALNENA), we are pleased to sponsor SCR 27, which recognizes April 9-15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week,

CALNENA is the voice of over 8,000 public safety dispatchers at both the state and local level in California, including those with Law Enforcement, Fire/EMS, and other public safety operations. These career professionals answer over 27 million 9-1-1 calls annually in California. We are dedicated to making 9-1-1 and public safety communications work better. We measure our success in the lives that are saved by the 9-1-1 system each and every day.

The men and women that serve in these capacities are among the finest California has to offer. We are on call, day and night, 365 days a year, to answer when the public is in need of assistance. Dispatchers are the calming voice in the midst of terrible situations, assisting and comforting those in need while professionally dispatching appropriate emergency response to attend to the incident. Dispatchers are the first of the first responders, without whom the first responder safety net fails to function.

We are pleased to sponsor SCR 27, and appreciate your authorship of this measure. If you have any questions or concerns or any need to follow up, please do not hesitate to contact our lobbyist, Mark Smith, Smith Policy Group, at [mark@smithpolicygroup.com](mailto:mark@smithpolicygroup.com) or 916-335-5072.

Sincerely,

*Rosa Ramos, ENP*

Rosa Ramos, ENP  
President, CALNENA

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**Introduced by Senator Wahab  
(Coauthors: Senators Allen and Min)**

March 8, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37—Relative to NowRoz.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 37, as introduced, Wahab. NowRoz.

This measure would celebrate Tuesday, March 21, 2023, as the beginning of the Persian New Year and extend best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous NowRoz to all Californians.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, NowRoz, the day of the vernal equinox, is  
2 celebrated as the beginning of the traditional new year by more  
3 than 300 million people around the world. NowRoz is a  
4 combination of two Dari words: the first, “now,” means new, and  
5 the second, “roz,” means day. Together they mean “new day,”  
6 which commemorates the new year for many Afghan and Central  
7 Asian communities all over the world. It is celebrated on the exact  
8 day of the astronomical northward equinox, which occurs on March  
9 21 or the following day where it is observed; and

10 WHEREAS, The “new day” symbolizes a commitment to  
11 springtime renewal, peace, and overall solidarity between  
12 generations, families, and communities. NowRoz symbolizes a  
13 time of renewal and community; it harkens the departure from the  
14 trials and tribulations of the previous year, and brings hope for the  
15 new year; and

16 WHEREAS, NowRoz has been celebrated for over 3,000 years  
17 in many countries, such as the United States, Afghanistan, Albania

1 (by Bektashi Muslims), Armenia (by Iranian Armenians, Kurds,  
2 and Yezidis), Azerbaijan, Bangladesh (by Bangladeshi Shia  
3 Muslims and others), China (by Tajiks and Turkic peoples),  
4 Georgia (by Azerbaijanis), India (by Iranis, Parsis, and some Indian  
5 Muslims), Iran, Iraq (by Kurds and Turkmens), Israel (by Persian  
6 Jews, Kurdish Jews, Mountain Jews, and Bukharan Jews), Kashmir,  
7 Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Northern Cyprus, Pakistan (by Balochs,  
8 Baltis, Iranis, Parsis, and Pashtuns), Russia (by Tabasarans), Syria  
9 (by Kurds), Tajikistan, Turkey (by Azerbaijanis, Kurds, and  
10 Yoruks), Turkmenistan, Ukraine (by Crimean Tatars), and  
11 Uzbekistan; and

12 WHEREAS, NowRoz is celebrated by Americans of all  
13 backgrounds, including those with Baha'i, Christian, Jewish,  
14 Muslim, Zoroastrian, and nonreligious backgrounds; and

15 WHEREAS, Since 2010, the United Nations has designated  
16 March 21 as the International Day of NowRoz; and

17 WHEREAS, NowRoz, as the embodiment of the unity of cultural  
18 heritage and centuries-long traditions, plays a significant role in  
19 strengthening the ties among peoples based on mutual respect and  
20 the ideals of peace and good neighborliness; and

21 WHEREAS, NowRoz serves to remind the United States of the  
22 many lasting contributions of the Persian civilization to the world  
23 and the noteworthy impact of Afghan Americans to the social and  
24 economic fabric of society in the United States. The United States  
25 Census reports the largest population of Afghans outside of  
26 Afghanistan to be in California; and

27 WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed  
28 International NowRoz Day at the enterprise of several countries  
29 that uphold this global tradition, and the first global NowRoz  
30 festival, held the same year, serves to remind us of the many  
31 noteworthy and lasting contributions of Persian culture to the  
32 ever-growing social and economic tapestry of our country. After  
33 thousands of years in the making, NowRoz remains beloved,  
34 universal, and deeply embedded in Persian culture; now, therefore,  
35 be it

36 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
37 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature joins the Persian and other  
38 communities throughout the state in celebrating Tuesday, March  
39 21, 2023, as the beginning of the Persian New Year and extends

- 1 best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous NowRoz to all
- 2 Californians; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
SCR 37 (Wahab) – As Introduced March 8, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 39-0

**SUBJECT:** NowRoz.

**SUMMARY:** Celebrates Tuesday, March 21, 2023, as the beginning of the Persian New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous NowRoz to all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) NowRoz is a combination of two Dari words: the first, “now,” means new, and the second, “roz,” means day. Together they mean “new day,” which commemorates the new year for many Afghan and Central Asian communities all over the world. It is celebrated on the exact day of the astronomical northward equinox, which occurs on March 21 or the following day where it is observed.
- 2) The “new day” symbolizes a commitment to springtime renewal, peace, and overall solidarity between generations, families, and communities. NowRoz symbolizes a time of renewal and community; it harkens the departure from the trials and tribulations of the previous year, and brings hope for the new year.
- 3) The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed International NowRoz Day in 2010 at the enterprise of several countries that uphold this global tradition, and the first global NowRoz festival, held the same year, serves to remind us of the many noteworthy and lasting contributions of Persian culture to the ever-growing social and economic tapestry of our country. After thousands of years in the making, NowRoz remains beloved, universal, and deeply embedded in Persian culture.
- 4) NowRoz, as the embodiment of the unity of cultural heritage and centuries-long traditions, plays a significant role in strengthening the ties among peoples based on mutual respect and the ideals of peace and good neighborliness.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



**Introduced by Senator Wahab  
(Coauthor: Senator Min)**

March 8, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38—Relative to Ramadan.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 38, as introduced, Wahab. Ramadan.

This measure would acknowledge the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and express the Legislature’s respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world’s major religions and
- 2 part of our shared human heritage; and
- 3 WHEREAS, California’s Muslim community is one of the most
- 4 diverse in the nation, with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that
- 5 span the globe; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Muslims have a long history in the United States,
- 7 spanning back to the slave trade, in which 10 to 15 percent of the
- 8 enslaved African people were said to be Muslim; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Muslims have long served in the nation’s armed
- 10 forces and fought in all major United States wars, from the
- 11 American Revolutionary War to modern conflicts today, with some
- 12 Muslim Americans making the ultimate sacrifice in combat; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Muslims have contributed to social movements
- 14 throughout the history of the United States in order to work toward
- 15 justice, civil rights, and fair inclusion for all; and
- 16 WHEREAS, From the early days of the pioneers to our
- 17 present-day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant

1 role in the history of this state’s economic, cultural, spiritual, and  
2 political development; and

3 WHEREAS, There are approximately 1,000,000 Muslim  
4 Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social  
5 fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions; and

6 WHEREAS, The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard  
7 work and contributions to medicine, science, information  
8 technology, education, law enforcement, military, and many other  
9 fields, have benefited from and enriched the state’s open, tolerant,  
10 and economically vibrant environment; and

11 WHEREAS, Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build  
12 communally, and aid those in need and marks an annual spiritual  
13 renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express  
14 gratitude in this month; and

15 WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual  
16 renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the  
17 Muslim calendar year; and

18 WHEREAS, The observance of the Muslim holy month of  
19 Ramadan commences at dusk on March 22, 2023, and continues  
20 for one lunar month, with Muslims fasting from sunrise to sunset  
21 each day; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
23 *thereof concurring*, That in observance of and out of respect for  
24 the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting  
25 and spiritual renewal, the Legislature acknowledges the onset of  
26 Ramadan and expresses its deepest respect to Muslims across  
27 California and throughout the world on this significant occasion;  
28 and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
30 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
SCR 38 (Wahab) – As Introduced March 8, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 39-0

**SUBJECT:** Ramadan.

**SUMMARY:** Acknowledges the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and expresses the Legislature’s respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Islam is one of the world’s major religions and part of our shared human heritage. California’s Muslim community is one of the most diverse in the nation with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that span the globe.
- 2) From the early days of the pioneers to our present day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant role in the history of this state’s economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.
- 3) There are approximately one million Muslim Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions.
- 4) Muslim residents, with their hard work and contributions to medicine, science, information technology, education, police, military, and many other fields, have benefited from and enriched the state’s open, tolerant, and economically vibrant environment.
- 5) Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build communally, aid those in need, and marks an annual spiritual renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express gratitude.
- 6) Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year.
- 7) The observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan commences at dusk on March 22, 2023, and continues for one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 2, 2023

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 42**

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**Introduced by Senator Ochoa Bogh**

**(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Ashby, Atkins, Becker, Blakespear, Bradford, Caballero, Cortese, Dahle, Dodd, Durazo, Eggman, Glazer, Gonzalez, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, Menjivar, Min, Newman, Nguyen, Niello, Padilla, Portantino, Roth, Rubio, Seyarto, Skinner, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Umberg, Wahab, Wiener, and Wilk)**

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March 16, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42—Relative to Mother’s Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 42, as amended, Ochoa Bogh. Mother’s Day.

This measure would recognize May 14, 2023, as the 116th annual Mother’s ~~Day~~, *Day* and would urge all Californians to recognize, appreciate, and be grateful for the gifts and good works of mothers on that day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The first Mother’s Day was held on the second
- 2 Sunday in May 1907 in West Virginia; and

1 WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson signed a congressional  
2 resolution in ~~1914~~, 1914 making Mother's Day an officially  
3 recognized day; and

4 WHEREAS, The contributions of mothers past, present, and  
5 future deserve to be recognized, not just today, but every day; and

6 WHEREAS, A mother is one who nurtures her family, her  
7 community, her country, and her world; and

8 WHEREAS, Mother's Day is an opportunity to become better  
9 children and show our gratitude for those women who put the  
10 needs of others before their own needs; and

11 WHEREAS, Each day, mothers provide counsel and serve as  
12 an example to their children and pass on the values that impact  
13 their legacy for generations; and

14 WHEREAS, Each day, mothers enrich our lives by providing  
15 opportunities to grow physically, emotionally, intellectually, and  
16 spiritually; and

17 WHEREAS, Women are more likely to serve as the primary  
18 caregiver for their children, spouse, parents, and others; and

19 WHEREAS, One in four mothers are raising their children  
20 without a spouse or partner; and

21 WHEREAS, In the United States, 23,500,000 women are  
22 working mothers; and

23 WHEREAS, Mother's Day also recognizes those who are trying  
24 to become mothers, those who have lost their mothers, and the  
25 people in our lives who have taken on the motherhood role; and

26 WHEREAS, Mothers play an important role in educating, caring  
27 for, and raising the next generation of artists, scientists, and  
28 community leaders; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes May 14, 2023,  
31 as the 116th annual Mother's ~~Day~~, Day and urges all Californians  
32 to recognize, appreciate, and be grateful for the gifts and good  
33 works of mothers on that day; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
35 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
SCR 42 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Amended May 2, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** Mother's Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 14, 2023, as the 116th annual Mother's Day and urges all Californians to recognize, appreciate, and be grateful for the gifts and good works of mothers on that day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The first Mother's Day was held on the second Sunday in May 1907 in West Virginia. President Woodrow Wilson signed a congressional resolution in 1914 making Mother's Day an officially recognized day.
- 2) The contributions of mothers past, present, and future deserve to be recognized, not just today, but every day. A mother is one who nurtures her family, her community, her country, and her world.
- 3) Mothers play an important role in educating, caring for, and raising the next generation of artists, scientists, and community leaders. Each day, mothers enrich our lives by providing opportunities to grow physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.
- 4) Mother's Day is an opportunity to become better children and show our gratitude for those women who put the needs of others before their own needs.
- 5) Mother's Day also recognizes those who are trying to become mothers, those who have lost their mothers, and the people in our lives who have taken on the motherhood role.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 17, 2023

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 50**

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**Introduced by Senators Umberg and Wahab**  
~~(Coauthor: Senator Newman)~~ *(Coauthors: Senators Min and Newman)*

April 10, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 50—Relative to Arab American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 50, as amended, Umberg. Arab American Heritage Month.

This measure would proclaim April 2023 ~~to be~~ *as* Arab American Heritage Month and commend Arab Americans for their significant contributions to the success of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Since migrating to America, men and women of  
2 Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with  
3 neighbors and friends, while also advancing examples of  
4 citizenship and public service; and  
5 WHEREAS, For over a century, Arab Americans have been  
6 making valuable contributions to every aspect of American society,  
7 including in medicine, law, business, education, technology,  
8 government, military service, and culture; and  
9 WHEREAS, Arab Americans brought with them to America  
10 their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to  
11 education, and diversity in faith and creed, all of which have added  
12 strength to our great democracy; and

1 WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society  
2 by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our  
3 nation free and prosperous; and  
4 WHEREAS, The history and experiences of Arab Americans  
5 in the United States remains neglected, and is plagued with  
6 misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes  
7 and speech; and  
8 WHEREAS, Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses,  
9 harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combated through  
10 education and awareness; and  
11 WHEREAS, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire  
12 to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is  
13 treated equally and feels safe; and  
14 WHEREAS, The incredible contributions and heritage of Arab  
15 Americans have helped to build a better nation; and  
16 WHEREAS, California is home to a unique area known as  
17 “Little Arabia” in the City of Anaheim, which is a cultural and  
18 business destination for Arab Americans and Americans of diverse  
19 backgrounds to attain a sense of belonging, community, and  
20 opportunity; now, therefore, be it  
21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
22 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
23 month of April 2023 ~~to be~~ *as* Arab American Heritage Month and  
24 commends Arab Americans for their significant contributions to  
25 the success of California; and be it further  
26 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
27 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
SCR 50 (Umberg) – As Amended April 17, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Arab American Heritage Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of April 2023 as Arab American Heritage Month and commends Arab Americans for their significant contributions to the success of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also advancing examples of citizenship and public service.
- 2) For over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to every aspect of American society, including in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture.
- 3) Arab Americans brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed, all of which have added strength to our great democracy. They have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous.
- 4) The incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped to build a better nation.
- 5) California is home to a unique area known as “Little Arabia” in the City of Anaheim, which is a cultural and business destination for Arab Americans and Americans of diverse backgrounds to attain a sense of belonging, community, and opportunity.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senator Allen**

April 17, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 53—Relative to Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 53, as introduced, Allen. Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.

This measure would encourage all Californians to support the arts and would recognize April 2023 as a significant time to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the arts, culture and creativity of all Californians.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The arts work to heal, build community, educate  
2 youth, advance racial justice, and create jobs; and

3 WHEREAS, Arts are not only an important agent for economic  
4 development, but also impact societal issues that include health,  
5 corrections, housing, immigration, veterans, transportation, and  
6 education; and

7 WHEREAS, It is imperative for all children and youth in  
8 California to have access to arts education in their schools; and

9 WHEREAS, California employs the highest number of people  
10 in creative industries — architecture, entertainment, fashion, media,  
11 and publishing — than any other state in the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, California is now the fourth largest economy in  
13 the world with a creative economy in 2021, according to the Otis  
14 Report on the Creative Economy of approximately \$507.4 billion  
15 in direct economic impact and an estimated \$978.6 billion in impact  
16 when combined direct, induced, and indirect factors are considered,

1 representing a workforce of over 1,800,000 workers and 7.6% of  
2 the state’s GDP; and

3 WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted SCR 33 on April 25, 2019,  
4 proclaiming April 2019, and every April thereafter, as Arts,  
5 Culture, and Creativity Month; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2021, the Legislature, by adopting SCR 40,  
7 recognized artists as second responders who provide solace to our  
8 first responders who have suffered stress and trauma that are often  
9 not recognized or supported; and

10 WHEREAS, Efforts must continue to increase funding for the  
11 arts, arts education, and cultural bearers; and

12 WHEREAS, In a state as diverse as California, the arts serve to  
13 give a voice to our many communities, spark individual creativity,  
14 foster empathy and understanding, spur civic engagement, and  
15 serve as a continual source of personal enrichment, inspiration,  
16 and growth; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature encourages all Californians  
19 to deepen our support for arts in our schools and uplift and expand  
20 opportunities in our creative workforce; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes April 2023 as a  
22 significant time to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the arts,  
23 culture, and creativity of all Californians; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
25 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
SCR 53 (Allen) – As Introduced April 17, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes April 2023 as a significant time to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the arts, culture, and creativity of all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The arts work to heal, build community, educate youth, advance racial justice, and create jobs. Arts are not only an important agent for economic development, but also impact societal issues that include health, corrections, housing, immigration, veterans, transportation, and education.
- 2) California employs the highest number of people in creative industries — architecture, entertainment, fashion, media, and publishing — than any other state in the nation.
- 3) It is imperative for all children and youth in California to have access to arts education in their schools. Efforts must continue to increase funding for the arts, arts education, and cultural bearers.
- 4) In a state as diverse as California, the arts serve to give a voice to our many communities, spark individual creativity, foster empathy and understanding, spur civic engagement, and serve as a continual source of personal enrichment, inspiration, and growth.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Honorable James Ramos  
Assembly Rules Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 6250  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Assemblymember Ramos:

I respectfully request that an urgency clause be added to AB 408 - The Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Bond Act of 2024 - so that we can ensure it will be eligible to be placed on the 2024 ballot.

Thank you for your prompt response to my request. Please contact Mark Rossow at 916.319.2011 should any questions arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Wilson", is written in a cursive style.

Lori D. Wilson  
Assemblymember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 12, 2023

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 16, 2023

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 408**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wilson**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members ~~Robert Rivas, Connolly, Garcia,~~**  
**~~Kalra, and Pellerin~~ *Pellerin, and Robert Rivas*)**

February 2, 2023

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An act to add Division 49 (commencing with Section 80700) to the Public Resources Code, relating to the Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Bond Act of 2024, by providing the funds necessary therefor, through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California, and for the handling and disposition of those funds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 408, as amended, Wilson. Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Bond Act of 2024.

Existing law requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to promote and protect the agricultural industry of the state. Existing law under Article XVI of the California Constitution requires measures authorizing general obligation bonds to specify the single object or work to be funded by the bonds and further requires a bond act to be approved by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of each house of the Legislature and a majority of the voters.

This bill would enact the Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the

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amount of \$3,365,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, to finance programs related to, among other things, agricultural lands, food and fiber infrastructure, climate resilience, agricultural professionals, including farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers, workforce development and training, air quality, tribes, disadvantaged communities, nutrition, food aid, meat processing facilities, and fishing facilities.

The bill would provide for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Division 49 (commencing with Section 80700)  
2 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

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4 DIVISION 49. CLIMATE-RESILIENT FARMS,  
5 SUSTAINABLE HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS, AND  
6 FARMWORKER PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2024

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8 CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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10 80700. This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the  
11 Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and  
12 Farmworker Protection Bond Act of 2024.

13 80701. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

14 (a) A secure, resilient, sustainable, and equitable food and  
15 farming system is essential for the economic and social well-being  
16 of the people of California. The climate crisis already adversely  
17 affects many parts of the state’s food and farming system. In recent  
18 years, the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing supply chain  
19 disruptions have laid bare the vulnerabilities of this system. The  
20 scale of these challenges requires a comprehensive approach to  
21 achieve sustainability and resiliency, including investments in  
22 infrastructure related to the needs of farms, ranches, farmworkers,  
23 distribution systems, and food access.

24 (b) Climate change increases the risk of extreme weather events,  
25 biodiversity losses, catastrophic wildfires, and sea level rise, and

1 presents a significant threat to the health, safety, and prosperity of  
2 the people of California.

3 (c) California’s low-income communities of color and tribal  
4 communities bear a disproportionate burden of climate change’s  
5 adverse impacts, and many of these communities are still  
6 recovering from the inequitable impacts of the COVID-19  
7 pandemic.

8 (d) Approximately 20.3 percent of Californians, or 7,900,000  
9 people, are food insecure. Black, African American, Latino, Native  
10 American, and other Californians who identify with two or more  
11 racial categories have higher rates of food insecurity compared to  
12 their non-Latino, White counterparts.

13 (e) Food and nutrition insecurity affect Californians across their  
14 lifespans, starting in childhood for millions of children who grow  
15 up in poverty, and continuing into late adulthood for the nearly 40  
16 percent of low-income Californians over 60 years of age who are  
17 food insecure.

18 (f) Farmworkers, a primarily Latino and immigrant workforce,  
19 who often lack access to safe, affordable housing and live in  
20 overcrowded housing conditions, are particularly vulnerable to  
21 extreme weather events, wildfire smoke exposure, heat-related  
22 illness, and work interruptions as the climate crisis intensifies.

23 (g) Latino children in California are 91 percent more likely than  
24 White children to attend schools with significant pesticide  
25 exposure.

26 (h) Low-income communities of color and tribal communities  
27 have less access to healthy foods than higher income communities,  
28 and consequently face disproportionately higher rates of food  
29 insecurity and diet-related disease.

30 (i) Farmers are struggling to make ends meet as input costs have  
31 skyrocketed and ongoing supply chain challenges threaten the  
32 viability of agricultural operations, particularly for small-scale  
33 farms and farmers of color.

34 (j) With California agricultural land prices increasing 10 percent  
35 between 2021 and 2022, accessing agricultural land and securing  
36 land tenure continue to present obstacles for small-scale farmers.  
37 Farmers of color have also faced generations of discriminatory  
38 lending and market practices and ongoing barriers that prevent  
39 them from accessing land, culturally relevant technical support,  
40 and recovery initiatives.



1 (k) Food system essential workers are often required to continue  
2 working during ongoing emergencies, such as wildfires and  
3 extreme heat events, and too often are denied access to adequate  
4 safety measures to protect their personal health and the well-being  
5 of their family members.

6 (l) Strategic investments in infrastructure projects that support  
7 California's workforce, climate-resilient farms and ranches,  
8 regional food supply chains, increased access to healthy foods,  
9 tribal nations, and historically underserved communities will help  
10 build California's economy, while increasing the state's overall  
11 resilience against future catastrophes, including climate change.

12 (m) Sustainable agricultural production, including certified  
13 organic production and climate-smart agriculture practices,  
14 increases the climate resilience of California's agriculture sector,  
15 while providing cobenefits for the economy, public health, and  
16 the environment.

17 (n) During the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic's disruption,  
18 a record number of farmers applied to the state's climate-smart  
19 agriculture programs, showing a growing interest for state  
20 investments in climate friendly farming practices and indigenous  
21 traditional land management practices.

22 (o) Investing in farmworkers and food ~~supply-chain~~ *supply*  
23 *chain* workers will help California meet the needs of a 21st century  
24 workforce while supporting the well-being of, and safe working  
25 conditions for, California's essential workers.

26 (p) Building decentralized local and regional food system  
27 infrastructure, from production to consumption, will combat  
28 hunger, create jobs, and increase long-term resilience in  
29 communities throughout the state.

30 (q) Rebuilding regional food infrastructure in key areas,  
31 including community and school commercial kitchens, fishing  
32 infrastructure, local meat processing facilities, and food hubs for  
33 improved distribution, will increase healthy food access for  
34 Californians, especially for children, seniors, and other vulnerable  
35 populations.

36 (r) Discriminatory practices and their ongoing legacy mean that  
37 many farmers of color are unable to access technical and financial  
38 resources. An equitable economy requires direct distribution of  
39 funding to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and

1 historically underserved communities of color through tribal  
2 governments and entities led by people of color.

3 (s) Empowering indigenous communities and tribal producers  
4 through investments that acknowledge and support their unique  
5 traditions and cultural practices will build strong indigenous-driven  
6 food systems that benefit all Californians.

7 (t) The investment of public funds pursuant to this division will  
8 result in public, environmental, social, and economic benefits and  
9 address inequities in our food and farming systems.

10 (u) Consumer interest in sustainably grown organic produce  
11 has surpassed in-state supplies in recent years, with demand for  
12 organic produce at unprecedented levels in recent years.

13 (v) To reduce food and nutrition insecurity and improve access  
14 to healthy food, the investment of public moneys pursuant to this  
15 division is necessary in order to build the infrastructure necessary  
16 to support community-based resilient food systems. Communities  
17 and tribes will have control over where their foods come from,  
18 with the ability to focus on the public health, environmental, and  
19 economic impacts. In a more just food system, all communities  
20 can have both increased access to nutritious, affordable food and  
21 the ability to maintain a food system that prioritizes environmental  
22 and human needs.

23 (w) Existing law requires the California Healthy Food Financing  
24 Initiative Council to implement an initiative to expand access to  
25 nutritious food in underserved, urban, and rural communities and  
26 to eliminate food deserts in California.

27 80702. For purposes of this division, the following definitions  
28 apply:

29 (a) “Beginning farmer or rancher” means a person who has  
30 materially and substantially participated in the operation of a farm  
31 or ranch for 10 years or less.

32 (b) “Committee” means the Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable  
33 Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Finance  
34 Committee created pursuant to Section 80772.

35 (c) “Disadvantaged community” means any of the following:

36 (1) A community located in a census tract in which the median  
37 household income of less than 80 percent of the area median  
38 income as determined by the Department of Housing and  
39 Community Development.

1 (2) A municipality with a population of 20,000 persons or less,  
2 a rural county, or a reasonably isolated and divisible segment of  
3 a larger municipality where the segment of the population is 20,000  
4 persons or less, with an annual median household income that is  
5 less than 85 percent of the statewide median household income.

6 (3) A community located in a census tract in which the  
7 household income of at least 20 percent of the population is at or  
8 below the federal poverty level based on family size.

9 (d) “Food hub” means a centrally located facility with a business  
10 management structure facilitating the aggregation, storage,  
11 processing, and distribution of locally or regionally produced food  
12 products.

13 (e) “Fund” means the Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable  
14 Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Fund created  
15 pursuant to Section 80703.

16 (f) ~~“Heat island”~~ “Heat island effect” means the effect of  
17 increased temperatures in urbanized areas caused by structures,  
18 such as buildings, roads, and other infrastructure, that absorb and  
19 re-emit the sun’s heat more than natural landscapes such as farms,  
20 forests, and water bodies.

21 (g) “Limited resource farmer or rancher” has the same meaning  
22 as defined in Section 760.107 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal  
23 Regulations.

24 (h) “Local educational agency” means a charter school, school  
25 district, or county office of education.

26 (i) “Nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit corporation  
27 qualified to do business in California and qualified under Section  
28 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

29 (j) “Priority population” means any of the following:

30 (1) A community identified as a disadvantaged community  
31 pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code.

32 (2) A low-income household, as defined in Section 39713 of  
33 the Health and Safety Code.

34 (3) A low-income community, as defined in Section 39713 of  
35 the Health and Safety Code.

36 (k) “Producer” means a person, partnership, corporation, or  
37 otherwise legally formed farm or ranch that produces agricultural  
38 products through agricultural arts on land that the entity owns,  
39 rents, leases, sharecrops, or otherwise controls and has the  
40 documented legal right to possess. An entity that rents, leases, or

1 otherwise acquires the right to possess property only during the  
2 harvest season for the agricultural products produced on that  
3 property is not a “producer.”

4 (l) “Resilience” means the ability of an entity or system,  
5 including an individual, community, or natural system, and its  
6 component parts to absorb, accommodate, or recover from the  
7 effects of a hazardous event in a timely and efficient manner,  
8 including through ensuring the preservation, restoration, or  
9 improvement of its essential basic structures and functions. In the  
10 case of natural and working lands, resilience includes the  
11 preservation, restoration, and enhancement of the lands’ ability to  
12 sequester carbon.

13 (m) “School food authorities” has the same meaning as defined  
14 in Section 49563 of the Education Code.

15 (n) “Small- and medium-sized farms” means farms and ranches  
16 of 500 acres or less.

17 (o) “Socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher” has the same  
18 meaning as defined in Section 512 of the Food and Agricultural  
19 Code.

20 (p) “State General Obligation Bond Law” means the State  
21 General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with  
22 Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government  
23 Code), as it may be amended from time to time.

24 (q) “Sustainable agriculture” means a system of management  
25 practices that increase the climate resilience of California’s  
26 agriculture sector, provide cobenefits for public health, the  
27 economy, and the environment, and can help improve the health  
28 of communities by protecting and conserving water, reducing the  
29 use of synthetic farm inputs, protecting air quality, improving soil  
30 health, increasing biodiversity, reducing onfarm emissions of  
31 greenhouse gases, and increasing soil carbon content.

32 (r) “Technical assistance” means outreach, education, project  
33 planning assistance, project design assistance, grant application  
34 assistance, project implementation assistance, and project reporting  
35 assistance provided to project applicants.

36 (s) “Tribal government” means the government of a tribe, tribal  
37 agency, or subdivision thereof.

38 (t) “Tribal organization” means any of the following:

39 (1) A tribal government.

1 (2) A legally established organization of natives that is  
2 controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by a tribal government, is  
3 democratically elected by the adult members of the tribal  
4 community to be served by the legally established organization,  
5 and maximizes participation of natives in all phases of its activities.

6 (3) A nonprofit organization chartered under tribal government  
7 law or state law that is primarily led by and serves tribal  
8 communities.

9 (u) “Tribal producer” means either of the following:

10 (1) A member of a tribe who is involved in agricultural  
11 production or traditional tending, gathering, hunting, or fishing.

12 (2) A cultural practitioner who manages land traditionally for  
13 food, fiber, ceremonial, or other culture-based purposes.

14 (v) “Tribe” means a federally recognized Native American tribe  
15 or a nonfederally recognized Native American tribe, band, nation,  
16 or other organized group or community listed on the California  
17 tribal consultation list maintained by the Native American Heritage  
18 Commission.

19 (w) “Vulnerable population” means a subgroup of a population  
20 within a region or community that faces a disproportionately  
21 heightened risk of, or increased sensitivity to, impacts of climate  
22 change and that lacks adequate resources to cope with, adapt to,  
23 or recover from those impacts.

24 80703. The proceeds of bonds, excluding those issued in  
25 accordance with Section 80779, issued and sold pursuant to this  
26 division shall be deposited into the Climate-resilient Farms,  
27 Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection  
28 Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury. All moneys  
29 in the fund, notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government  
30 Code, are hereby continuously appropriated without respect to  
31 fiscal years for the purposes of this division.

32 80704. Up to 5 percent of the moneys made available to each  
33 agency pursuant to this division may be used for administrative  
34 costs.

35 80705. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), not more  
36 than 10 percent of the moneys made available to an administering  
37 agency pursuant to each section of this division may be expended  
38 for planning and monitoring necessary for the design, selection,  
39 and implementation of projects to be funded by those moneys.  
40 This section does not restrict the expenditure of moneys ordinarily

1 used by a state agency for “preliminary plans,” “working  
2 drawings,” and “construction,” as defined in the annual Budget  
3 Act for a capital outlay project or grant project.

4 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a state agency administering  
5 moneys made available pursuant to a section of this division may  
6 use more than 10 percent of those moneys for planning and  
7 monitoring necessary for the design, selection, and implementation  
8 of projects pursuant to that section if the state agency determines  
9 that the additional moneys are needed for projects that benefit  
10 disadvantaged communities, vulnerable populations, or socially  
11 disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

12 (c) A state agency may allocate moneys pursuant to this division  
13 to a federal agency if the state agency determines the allocation is  
14 the most efficient way to implement this division on federally  
15 managed lands.

16 (d) At least 40 percent of the moneys made available to each  
17 agency pursuant to this division shall be allocated to projects that  
18 provide direct and meaningful benefits to socially disadvantaged  
19 farmers or ranchers, disadvantaged communities, and vulnerable  
20 populations, except if the agency allocating those moneys  
21 reasonably determines that it cannot allocate the full amount of  
22 those moneys consistent with both this subdivision’s requirement  
23 and the other applicable requirements of this division, the agency  
24 may, notwithstanding this subdivision’s requirement, allocate those  
25 moneys consistent with the other applicable requirements of this  
26 division in a manner that furthers the fundamental purposes of this  
27 subdivision to the greatest extent feasible.

28 (e) All services, technical assistance, outreach, and support  
29 described in this division shall be provided in culturally competent  
30 ways that best serve the target population and are fully and equally  
31 accessible to those of limited English proficiency.

32 80706. (a) In the allocation and administration of funding  
33 authorized pursuant to this division, priority shall be given to  
34 projects that leverage private, federal, and local funding or produce  
35 the greatest public benefit.

36 (b) To the extent practicable, when allocating moneys pursuant  
37 to this division, an agency shall prioritize projects that do any of  
38 the following, with greatest prioritization for projects that offer  
39 multiple health, economic, social, and environmental benefits:

- 1 (1) Support the needs expressed by, and leverage the expertise  
2 of, community-based organizations and coalitions, and the  
3 constituencies they represent.
- 4 (2) Invest in holistic community development efforts, especially  
5 in disadvantaged communities, that simultaneously promote public  
6 health, environmental stewardship, climate resiliency, social  
7 services, and job creation.
- 8 (3) Build the infrastructure needed to support and bolster socially  
9 disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, especially producers of color  
10 and small- and mid-sized farmers and ranchers.
- 11 (4) Expand and retrofit infrastructure to meet California’s  
12 climate goals and the regional needs of California’s communities.
- 13 (5) Emphasize partnerships between community-based and other  
14 nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, research institutions,  
15 and local governments to support economic development and  
16 climate resilience.
- 17 (6) Support the formation and continued success of cooperatively  
18 owned and operated food and agriculture businesses in historically  
19 underserved communities.
- 20 (7) Address the needs of historically underserved communities,  
21 including the needs of socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers,  
22 disadvantaged communities, and food system workers.
- 23 (8) Support the health, safety, and financial security of the food  
24 and agriculture workforce.
- 25 (9) Accelerate the transition away from synthetic pesticides and  
26 fertilizers that degrade soil, air, and water quality and  
27 disproportionately harm farmworker communities and communities  
28 adjacent to farmland.
- 29 (10) Reduce food insecurity and increase access to sustainable  
30 and healthy food for all Californians.
- 31 (11) Acknowledge and protect indigenous knowledge and  
32 expertise to build more just, equitable, and resilient tribally led  
33 food and farming systems.
- 34 (12) Reduce inequities in land ownership and access, protect  
35 farmland, facilitate land tenure, and support farm viability and  
36 transition.
- 37 (c) A project funded pursuant to this division shall include  
38 signage informing the public that the project received funding from  
39 the Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access,  
40 and Farmworker Protection Bond Act of 2024.



1 80707. Moneys allocated pursuant to this division shall not be  
2 used to fulfill any environmental mitigation requirements imposed  
3 by law.

4 80708. For moneys allocated for a project that serves a  
5 disadvantaged community, vulnerable population, or socially  
6 disadvantaged farmer or rancher, the administering agency may  
7 provide advanced payments in the amount of 50 percent of the  
8 allocation to the recipient to initiate the project in a timely manner,  
9 and may maintain advance payments in increments of 25 percent  
10 of the allocation, as needed, throughout the project's  
11 implementation. The administering agency shall adopt additional  
12 requirements for additional advance payments to ensure that the  
13 moneys are used properly and the project is completed. *accordance*  
14 *with Section 11019.1 of the Government Code.*

15 80709. (a) Except as specified in subdivision (b), up to 10  
16 percent of the moneys available to an administering agency  
17 pursuant to each chapter of this division may be allocated for  
18 technical assistance and capacity building. Each administering  
19 state agency shall operate a multidisciplinary technical assistance  
20 program for this purpose.

21 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), an administering agency  
22 may exceed the 10-percent limitation if it determines the additional  
23 funding is needed to provide technical assistance and capacity  
24 building for disadvantaged communities, vulnerable populations,  
25 or socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

26 80710. Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part  
27 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply  
28 to the development and adoption of guidelines, requirements, or  
29 selection criteria pursuant to this division.

30 80711. To the extent consistent with federal law, all proceeds  
31 of bonds sold pursuant to this division shall be available to  
32 individuals regardless of their immigration status.

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34 CHAPTER 2. IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL RESILIENCE AND  
35 ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

36

37 80720. The sum of nine hundred fifty million dollars  
38 (\$950,000,000) shall be available for purposes of this chapter.

39 80720.5. Up to 10 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant  
40 to this chapter may be used for technical assistance to support



1 farmers and ranchers applying for, designing, developing, and  
2 implementing grants, including by providing support for farmers  
3 and ranchers in languages other than English.

4 80721. Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
5 80720, two hundred eighty million dollars (\$280,000,000) shall  
6 be available to the Department of Food and Agriculture to improve  
7 the climate resilience and sustainability of agricultural lands, and  
8 shall be allocated as follows:

9 (a) (1) Seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) for grants  
10 for farmers and tribal producers to increase soil organic matter,  
11 improve soil structure, and improve ~~water and nutrient holding~~  
12 *water- and nutrient-holding* capacity, in a manner that will increase  
13 carbon sequestration and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

14 (2) The Department of Food and Agriculture may use up to 5  
15 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to this subdivision for  
16 demonstration projects.

17 (3) In allocating moneys pursuant to this subdivision, the  
18 Department of Food and Agriculture shall ensure that at least 25  
19 percent of those moneys benefit socially disadvantaged farmers  
20 and ranchers.

21 (b) (1) Sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) for grants for farmers  
22 and tribal producers to improve water use efficiency through  
23 improved irrigation management, including surface and  
24 groundwater use efficiency measures.

25 (2) In allocating moneys pursuant to this subdivision, the  
26 Department of Food and Agriculture shall prioritize projects that  
27 also improve soil water-holding capacity and reduce nutrient  
28 runoff, and projects located in priority groundwater basins, as  
29 designated in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Part  
30 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720) of Division 6 of the Water  
31 Code).

32 (3) In allocating moneys pursuant to this subdivision, the  
33 Department of Food and Agriculture shall ensure that at least 25  
34 percent of those moneys benefit socially disadvantaged farmers  
35 and ranchers.

36 (c) (1) Sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) for grants for  
37 livestock and dairy producers to reduce their methane emissions  
38 and increase carbon sequestration through the transition from wet  
39 manure handling and storage to dry manure handling and storage,  
40 including, but not limited to, pasture-based practices, manure

1 composting, solids separation, prescribed grazing, and compost  
2 bedded pack barns.

3 (2) The Department of Food and Agriculture may use up to 5  
4 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to this subdivision for  
5 demonstration projects.

6 (3) Moneys allocated pursuant to this subdivision shall not be  
7 used to fund anaerobic digesters.

8 (4) In allocating moneys pursuant to this subdivision, the  
9 Department of Food and Agriculture shall prioritize socially  
10 disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

11 (d) (1) Thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) for grants for  
12 farmers and tribal producers to transition land for purposes of  
13 organic certification and to implement organic farming practices.

14 (2) In allocating moneys pursuant to this subdivision, the  
15 Department of Food and Agriculture shall do all of the following:

16 (A) Provide incentives to socially disadvantaged farmers and  
17 ranchers.

18 (B) If, after providing incentives to socially disadvantaged  
19 farmers and ranchers pursuant to subparagraph (A), there are  
20 unallocated moneys, then provide incentives to limited resource  
21 farmers or ranchers.

22 (C) If, after providing incentives to socially disadvantaged and  
23 limited resource farmers or ranchers pursuant to subparagraphs  
24 (A) and (B), there are unallocated moneys, then provide incentives  
25 to any farmer or rancher.

26 (e) (1) Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) for grants to  
27 nonprofit organizations, public agencies, tribal governments, tribal  
28 organizations, crop or pest advisers, farmers, and insectaries to  
29 construct insectaries to produce beneficial organisms in support  
30 of ecological integrated pest management.

31 (2) Projects eligible for a grant pursuant to this subdivision  
32 include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

33 (A) The construction of climate-controlled rooms and  
34 greenhouses, including, but not limited to, offices, labs, and storage  
35 spaces.

36 (B) The purchase of equipment, including, but not limited to,  
37 vacuum and other monitoring and insect release equipment.

38 (C) The purchase of vehicles, including, but not limited to, for  
39 transport for monitoring and releasing beneficial organisms, such  
40 as pickups, three-wheelers, and drones.

1 (D) The purchase of electronic equipment for computing,  
 2 communications, telecomputing, and community education.  
 3 (E) The purchase of monitoring equipment, and data collection  
 4 and mapping software, to monitor and map the habitats of  
 5 pollinators and beneficial pest predators that provide critical  
 6 ecosystem services.  
 7 (3) In awarding grants pursuant to this subdivision, the  
 8 Department of Food and Agriculture shall prioritize projects that  
 9 provide biological control tools for specific crop and pest problems  
 10 of the region in which the insectary is located.  
 11 (4) Up to 10 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to this  
 12 subdivision may be used for planning, design, outreach, training,  
 13 research, development, and monitoring.  
 14 (f) Thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) for grants to support  
 15 limited resource farmers or ranchers and socially disadvantaged  
 16 farmers and ranchers to implement climate-smart practices and  
 17 provide relief from drought, wildfire, flood, and other climate  
 18 impacts.  
 19 80722. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
 20 80720, one hundred forty million dollars (\$140,000,000) shall be  
 21 available to the Wildlife Conservation Board to implement projects  
 22 that restore, expand, or maintain multibenefit ~~floodplain~~ *flood*  
 23 *plain* reconnection and associated habitat restoration in priority  
 24 groundwater basins pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater  
 25 Management Act (Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720) of  
 26 Division 6 of the Water Code). Eligible projects shall provide for  
 27 ~~floodplain~~ *flood plain* expansion and habitat restoration, resulting  
 28 in flood risk reduction and groundwater recharge.  
 29 (b) Up to 10 percent of the moneys made available pursuant to  
 30 this section may be used for planning, design, outreach, training,  
 31 research, development, and monitoring.  
 32 80723. Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
 33 80720, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be available to the  
 34 Department of Pesticide Regulation for grants to socially  
 35 disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and limited resource farmers  
 36 or ranchers to implement sustainable pest management projects.  
 37 80724. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
 38 80720, thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) shall be available  
 39 to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for grants for  
 40 equipment and infrastructure to support prescribed grazing in order

1 to accomplish vegetation or conservation goals, including reducing  
2 the risk of wildfire by reducing fuel loads, controlling undesirable  
3 or invasive plants, and promoting biodiversity and habitat for  
4 special status species.

5 (b) Up to 10 percent of the moneys made available pursuant to  
6 this section may be used for planning, design, outreach, training,  
7 research, development, and monitoring.

8 80725. Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
9 80720, four hundred twenty million dollars (\$420,000,000) shall  
10 be available to the Department of Conservation to protect  
11 agricultural land and support improved climate resilience, which  
12 shall be allocated as follows:

13 (a) (1) Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) for grants to  
14 enhance and build new infrastructure, including, but not limited  
15 to, nurseries, seed banks, and other related plant and seed  
16 propagation and distribution facilities, and to support the growing  
17 demand for riparian restoration, afforestation, habitat  
18 improvements, native plant and grass establishment, shrub and  
19 woody planting, and other agroecosystem improvements on natural  
20 and working lands.

21 (2) Up to 10 percent of the moneys made available pursuant to  
22 this subdivision may be used for planning, design, outreach,  
23 training, research, development, and monitoring.

24 (b) (1) One hundred forty-five million dollars (\$145,000,000)  
25 for grants to nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, tribal  
26 organizations, and public agencies for the protection and  
27 enhancement of agricultural lands, including the acquisition of fee  
28 title or agricultural conservation easements on agricultural lands,  
29 in order to improve climate resilience, pollinator habitat, California  
30 native biodiversity, flood protection, or groundwater recharge.

31 (2) Up to 10 percent of the moneys made available pursuant to  
32 this subdivision may be used for planning, design, outreach,  
33 training, research, development, and monitoring.

34 (c) (1) One hundred forty-five million dollars (\$145,000,000)  
35 to improve land access and tenure for socially disadvantaged  
36 farmers and ranchers and beginning farmers and ranchers. The  
37 Department of Conservation may award grants to land trusts or  
38 other qualified nonprofit organizations, public agencies, tribal  
39 governments, or tribal entities for the purpose of acquiring  
40 agricultural lands for sale to socially disadvantaged farmers and

1 ranchers and beginning farmers and ranchers, which shall be  
2 conditioned upon the sale occurring within three years of the  
3 acquisition. Any land acquired pursuant to this paragraph shall be  
4 subject to an agricultural conservation easement before its sale.

5 (2) Of the moneys allocated pursuant to this subdivision, the  
6 Department of Conservation shall do all of the following:

7 (A) Provide incentives to socially disadvantaged farmers and  
8 ranchers.

9 (B) If, after providing incentives to socially disadvantaged  
10 farmers and ranchers pursuant to subparagraph (A), there are  
11 unallocated moneys, then provide incentives to beginning farmers  
12 and ranchers.

13 (C) If, after providing incentives to socially disadvantaged and  
14 beginning farmers and ranchers pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and  
15 (B), there are unallocated moneys, then provide incentives to any  
16 farmer or rancher.

17 (d) (1) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) for grants to install  
18 agrivoltaics to strengthen farm viability, safeguard land well-suited  
19 for farming and ranching, and further the state's renewable energy  
20 goals.

21 (2) Up to 10 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to this  
22 subdivision may be used for planning, design, outreach, training,  
23 research, development, and monitoring.

24 (e) (1) Sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) to support the  
25 implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act  
26 (Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720) of Division 6 of the  
27 Water Code) through grants to groundwater sustainability agencies,  
28 counties, local agencies designated by a groundwater sustainability  
29 agency or county, and nongovernmental organizations designated  
30 by a groundwater sustainability agency or county for  
31 implementation of projects supporting reduced use of groundwater  
32 and multibenefit land repurposing at the basin scale.

33 (2) Up to 10 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to this  
34 subdivision may be used for planning, design, outreach, training,  
35 research, development, and monitoring.

36 (f) (1) Thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) for grants to  
37 resource conservation districts pursuant to Section 9408 and tribal  
38 resource conservation districts to implement projects that restore  
39 or enhance riparian corridors on agricultural lands.

1 (2) Up to 10 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to this  
2 subdivision may be used for planning, design, outreach, training,  
3 research, development, and monitoring.

4 80726. Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
5 80720, seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) shall be available to  
6 the Department of Water Resources to support improved climate  
7 resilience, which shall be allocated as follows:

8 (a) (1) Thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) for grants to  
9 upgrade irrigation-district level water delivery systems to conserve  
10 water and reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases, including  
11 through the installation of pressurized pipes, real-time flow meters  
12 at farm gates, and on-demand water delivery software.

13 (2) Up to 10 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to this  
14 subdivision may be used for planning, design, outreach, training,  
15 research, development, and monitoring.

16 (b) (1) Thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) for grants to  
17 support socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and limited  
18 resource farmers or ranchers to implement practices supporting  
19 reduced use of groundwater in compliance with the Sustainable  
20 Groundwater Management Act (Part 2.74 (commencing with  
21 Section 10720) of Division 6 of the Water Code).

22 (2) Up to 10 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to this  
23 subdivision may be used for technical assistance to support farmers  
24 and ranchers applying for, designing, developing, and  
25 implementing grants, including by providing support for farmers  
26 and ranchers in languages other than English.

27  
28 CHAPTER 3. PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF  
29 CALIFORNIA'S FARMWORKERS  
30

31 80730. The sum of seven hundred fifty million dollars  
32 (\$750,000,000) shall be available for purposes of this chapter.

33 80731. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
34 80730, four hundred fifty million dollars (\$450,000,000) shall be  
35 available to the Strategic Growth Council established pursuant to  
36 Section 75121 to award grants through the Affordable Housing  
37 and Sustainable Communities Program administered pursuant to  
38 Section 75210 for projects that include the development of  
39 multifamily affordable housing for farmworker families and  
40 households.

1 (b) The Strategic Growth Council shall award grant moneys  
 2 pursuant to this section for a project only if the project meets all  
 3 of the following requirements:

4 (1) The project includes transit and transportation options,  
 5 including, but not limited to, electric vehicle charging stations,  
 6 shuttles to public transit or bus services, bus shelters, and benches.

7 (2) The project is located within two miles of essential services,  
 8 such as grocery stores, schools, and public libraries.

9 (3) The project will include the deployment of broadband  
 10 infrastructure.

11 (4) The project includes adequate cooling.

12 (5) The project does not involve financing or other agreements  
 13 with terms that would result in residency restrictions based on  
 14 immigration status.

15 (c) The Strategic Growth Council shall develop guidelines for  
 16 the awarding of grants pursuant to this section, and shall do both  
 17 of the following:

18 (1) In developing the guidelines, hold public meetings in at least  
 19 three rural communities, including, but not limited to, meetings  
 20 in the San Joaquin Valley, the Central Coast, and the Inland  
 21 Empire.

22 (2) Develop the guidelines in a manner that prioritizes awarding  
 23 grants for projects in areas with the highest amount of farmworker  
 24 housing need.

25 (d) The Strategic Growth Council shall award grants pursuant  
 26 to this section only to any of the following eligible recipients:

27 (1) Developers.

28 (2) Nonprofit organizations.

29 (3) Public agencies.

30 (4) Tribal governments.

31 (e) Grant moneys awarded pursuant to this section shall not be  
 32 used for the construction of single-gender dormitories or other  
 33 single-gender housing projects.

34 (f) The Strategic Growth Council may award additional grant  
 35 moneys to an otherwise eligible affordable farmworker housing  
 36 project to cover all or a portion of the costs associated with the  
 37 construction of any of the following facilities if the facilities would  
 38 both primarily serve the residents of the farmworker housing and  
 39 be located in, or adjacent to, the farmworker housing:

40 (1) Food hubs.



- 1 (2) Community centers.
- 2 (3) Food stores.
- 3 (4) Health care clinics.
- 4 (5) Childcare centers.

5 80732. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
6 80730, fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available to the  
7 Department of Community Services and Development for grants  
8 to improve the energy efficiency, indoor air quality, renewable  
9 energy use, and climate resilience of farmworker housing, including  
10 single-family homes, multifamily buildings, mobilehomes, and  
11 manufactured housing.

12 (b) Except as specified in subdivision (d), a project shall be  
13 eligible for a grant pursuant to this section only if it meets both of  
14 the following requirements:

15 (1) The project provides a diversity of energy efficiency, water  
16 efficiency, heating, and cooling upgrades for farmworker housing,  
17 including, but not limited to, rooftop solar, solar-powered water  
18 heaters, home weatherization, energy-efficient appliances, portable  
19 or centralized heating, ventilation, ~~air-conditioning~~ *air-conditioning*  
20 systems, or energy-efficient windows.

21 (2) The project provides improved indoor air quality measures  
22 through the installation of air purifiers or other indoor air quality  
23 measures.

24 (c) All outreach and application materials used for the  
25 administration of grants pursuant to this section shall be translated  
26 into any non-English language spoken by a substantial number of  
27 community members served by a grant awarded pursuant to this  
28 section.

29 (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the Department of  
30 Community Services and Development may award grants pursuant  
31 to this section for community greening projects that reduce the  
32 ~~heat-island~~ *heat island* effect, including, but not limited to,  
33 community gardens, tree plantings, parks, or bioswales located in,  
34 or adjacent to, farmworker housing.

35 80733. (a) Of the moneys made available by Section 80730,  
36 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available to the  
37 Division of Occupational Safety and Health for the creation of a  
38 stockpile of personal protection equipment, including, but not  
39 limited to, cloth, disposable, reusable, or certified N95 face masks,



1 for farmworkers to be used during emergencies, such as wildfires  
2 or disease outbreaks.

3 (b) In distributing personal protection equipment stockpiled  
4 pursuant to this section, the Division of Occupational Safety and  
5 Health shall prioritize distributing that equipment through  
6 farmworker resource centers established pursuant to Chapter 8  
7 (commencing with Section 12710) of Part 2 of Division 3 of Title  
8 2 of the Government Code.

9 80734. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
10 80730, one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be  
11 available to the State Water Resources Control Board for grants  
12 to provide safe drinking water and promote public health for  
13 farmworker families who lack access to safe and reliable drinking  
14 water sources, including, but not limited to, for projects that include  
15 septic tank upgrades or consolidation of septic systems to address  
16 water quality contamination and public health threats in farmworker  
17 communities and projects that promote resilience and adaptation  
18 of small community wastewater treatment facilities at risk from  
19 sea level rise or saltwater intrusion, with preference for projects  
20 that provide wastewater recharge recycling.

21 (b) The State Water Resources Control Board shall award grants  
22 pursuant to this section only to nonprofit organizations, technical  
23 assistance providers, and tribal governments.

24 80735. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
25 80730, twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available  
26 to the Office of Emergency Services to expand its California State  
27 Warning Center to include targeted alerts for public health dangers,  
28 including, without limitation, all of the following:

29 (1) The creation of a state notification system, including the  
30 development of a backbone telemetry system, that sends text and  
31 voice messages, in multiple languages, to residents and  
32 farmworkers based on their ZIP Codes to alert them of public  
33 health dangers in their area, including, but not limited to, smoke  
34 from wildfires, unhealthy air quality, or prolonged exposure to  
35 extreme temperatures.

36 (2) Coordination with other emergency system operations  
37 partners, and program management.

38 (3) Maintenance of telemetry infrastructure.

39 (b) (1) The Office of Emergency Services shall develop  
40 guidelines for the allocation of moneys pursuant to this section.

1 (2) The Office of Emergency Services shall hold at least one  
2 public meeting as part of developing the guidelines.

3 80736. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
4 80730, one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be  
5 available to the Department of Community Services and  
6 Development to provide grants to establish farmworker resource  
7 centers pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 12710)  
8 of Part 2 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and  
9 drinking water infrastructure for farmworkers.

10 (b) Moneys made available pursuant to this section shall be  
11 allocated for only the following purposes:

12 (1) The establishment of mobile farmworker resource centers,  
13 which shall be prioritized in areas where no state grant has been  
14 previously awarded for that purpose.

15 (2) Funding the deployment of infrastructure and equipment to  
16 provide safe, cool drinking water to farmworkers on job sites.

17 (c) Entities eligible to receive grants to establish farmworker  
18 resource centers include, but are not limited to, cities, counties,  
19 local agencies, and nonprofit organizations that serve farmworker  
20 communities.

21 (d) Up to 10 percent of the moneys made available pursuant to  
22 this section may be used for design, planning, staff, services, and  
23 programs provided through farmworker resource centers, including,  
24 but not limited to, the services specified in Section 12712 of the  
25 Government Code.

26  
27 CHAPTER 4. SUSTAINABLE HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS AND  
28 NUTRITION SECURITY  
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30 80740. (a) The sum of seven hundred fifty million dollars  
31 (\$750,000,000) shall be available for purposes of this chapter.

32 (b) To the maximum extent feasible, purchases made using  
33 moneys allocated pursuant to this chapter shall be made from  
34 certified organic producers or producers in a three-year organic  
35 transition period.

36 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that moneys allocated  
37 pursuant to this chapter facilitate the production of, access to, the  
38 preparation of, and the distribution of certified organic or otherwise  
39 sustainably grown and culturally relevant fruits and vegetables,

1 grains, and legumes, and dairy, meat, and seafood sustainably  
 2 produced or harvested locally or regionally.

3 80741. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
 4 80740, three hundred twenty million dollars (\$320,000,000) shall  
 5 be available to the Department of General Services to provide aid  
 6 to local educational agencies, school food authorities, California  
 7 American Indian education centers established pursuant to Article  
 8 6 (commencing with Section 33380) of Chapter 3 of Part 20 of  
 9 Division 2 of Title 2 of the Education Code, the federal Office of  
 10 Indian Education, schools operated by the federal Bureau of Indian  
 11 Education, and tribal schools for improving kitchen, meal  
 12 preparation, meal service, and dining infrastructure used for school  
 13 nutrition programs, including, but not limited to, any of the  
 14 following purposes:

15 (1) New construction or renovation of kitchen facilities,  
 16 including central kitchens and associated warehouses, storage  
 17 facilities, and delivery and loading dock areas.

18 (2) New construction or renovation of meal preparation areas,  
 19 meal service areas, or areas used for dining and drinking water  
 20 access.

21 (3) Facility assessments and architectural and engineering  
 22 services.

23 (4) Purchase of major equipment, including, but not limited to,  
 24 refrigeration and freezer systems, dishwashers, convection ovens,  
 25 steam tables, ~~point-of-service~~ *point-of-service* systems, delivery  
 26 vehicles, and refrigerated trucks.

27 (5) Payment of local building, permitting, or planning fees  
 28 incurred throughout the design, review, or construction process.

29 (6) Technical assistance programs pursuant to subdivision (e).

30 (b) To the greatest extent possible, projects funded pursuant to  
 31 this section shall be designed to further at least one of the following  
 32 purposes:

33 (1) Increase student participation in school meal programs.

34 (2) Increase access to nutritious, organically or sustainably  
 35 produced, minimally processed, fresh and freshly prepared foods.

36 (3) Increase school food authority procurement from local  
 37 producers, socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, and  
 38 producers, farmers, and ranchers who use sustainable agriculture  
 39 practices, including organic agriculture.

- 1 (c) Kitchen, meal preparation, meal service, and dining  
2 infrastructure improvements funded pursuant to this section may  
3 be designed to do either or both of the following:
- 4 (1) To be used by multiple local educational agencies.
  - 5 (2) When not in use by the local educational agency that owns  
6 the infrastructure, to be used by any of the following entities or  
7 for any of the following purposes:
    - 8 (A) Food banks.
    - 9 (B) Nonprofit medically tailored meal providers.
    - 10 (C) Adult daycare centers.
    - 11 (D) Childcare providers.
    - 12 (E) Operators of summer and after school federal- and  
13 state-funded nutrition programs.
    - 14 (F) Small-scale food businesses.
    - 15 (G) Workforce development programs.
    - 16 (H) Community education programs.
    - 17 (I) Senior nutrition providers.
    - 18 (J) Homeless shelters.
    - 19 (K) Faith-based organizations.
    - 20 (L) The University of California Cooperative Extension.
    - 21 (M) CalFresh healthy living nutrition education programs.
    - 22 (N) 4-H programs.
- 23 (d) (1) At least 75 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to  
24 this section shall be allocated to school food authorities for which  
25 at least 50 percent of their students are eligible for free or  
26 reduced-price meals.
- 27 (2) At least 10 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to this  
28 section shall be allocated to school food authorities for which at  
29 least 80 percent of their students are eligible for free or  
30 reduced-price meals.
- 31 (e) Technical assistance programs funded pursuant to this section  
32 include, but are not limited to, supporting the efforts of  
33 administrators and staff of school nutrition programs to do any of  
34 the following:
- 35 (1) Increase student access and participation in school nutrition  
36 programs.
  - 37 (2) Prepare and serve culturally relevant and traditional Native  
38 American foods.
  - 39 (3) Increase student fruit and vegetable consumption.

- 1 (4) Expand procurement of farm-direct California-grown organic  
 2 produce, including through the Farm to School Incubator Grant  
 3 Program.
- 4 (5) Expand the use of minimally processed, fresh and freshly  
 5 prepared food and preparation techniques, including development  
 6 of culinary skills by food service staff.
- 7 (6) Overseeing the planning, architectural design, and  
 8 construction oversight processes.
- 9 (7) Increase language accessibility.
- 10 (f) The Department of General Services may provide up to 50  
 11 percent of moneys allocated pursuant to this section as a cash  
 12 advance for actual expenditures made by a recipient.
- 13 80742. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
 14 80740, fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available to the  
 15 State Department of Social Services to provide aid to participants  
 16 in the Emergency Food Assistance Program administered by the  
 17 Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of  
 18 Agriculture, Feeding America food banks located in California,  
 19 California Association of Food Banks members, nonprofit hunger  
 20 relief organizations, nonprofit organizations that administer  
 21 medically tailored meal and grocery programs, emergency meal  
 22 providers that support county and city shelter activities during  
 23 emergencies and disasters, senior nutrition programs, operators of  
 24 the federal Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations,  
 25 and other organizations serving Native Americans.
- 26 (b) Moneys allocated pursuant to this section may only be used  
 27 to support the capacity enhancement and disaster resilience needs  
 28 of the emergency food delivery system, including, but not limited  
 29 to, both of the following:
- 30 (1) Capital investments needed to support the collection, storage,  
 31 preparation, and distribution of foods produced within California  
 32 to help support local and regional producers and socially  
 33 disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, emphasizing local and  
 34 regional foods and beverages that are healthy, sustainably  
 35 produced, nutritious, unique to their geographic areas, and meet  
 36 the needs of food insecure populations.
- 37 (2) The provision of food that is culturally relevant to program  
 38 participants, including traditional Native American foods.
- 39 (c) In allocating moneys pursuant to this section, the State  
 40 Department of Social Services shall prioritize projects that procure

1 from small- to mid-sized farms, socially disadvantaged farmers or  
2 ranchers, farmers or ranchers located in disadvantaged  
3 communities, tribal communities, or producers, farmers, and  
4 ranchers who use sustainable agriculture practices, including  
5 organic agriculture.

6 (d) The State Department of Social Services shall establish an  
7 application process for allocating moneys pursuant to this section,  
8 which shall not be subject to the approval of the Department of  
9 General Services.

10 (e) In allocating moneys pursuant to this section, the State  
11 Department of Social Services shall prioritize applicants that serve  
12 Medi-Cal eligible and uninsured populations and substantially  
13 integrate racial equity into the design and implementation of their  
14 proposed use of those moneys.

15 (f) In allocating moneys pursuant to this section, the State  
16 Department of Social Services may do one or both of the following:

17 (1) Provide up to 50 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant  
18 to this section as a cash advance for actual expenditures made by  
19 the recipient.

20 (2) Authorize at least 10 percent of the moneys allocated  
21 pursuant to this section to be used for personnel or other operational  
22 expenses.

23 80743. (a) Of the moneys available pursuant to Section 80740,  
24 three hundred sixty million dollars (\$360,000,000) shall be  
25 available to the Department of Food and Agriculture for grants to  
26 ensure communities and tribes are able to obtain or produce foods  
27 that are healthy, are nutrient dense, are culturally relevant, reflect  
28 traditional Native American foodways, and are grown or produced  
29 in California, prioritizing California-produced organic food  
30 products, for residents who are food insecure or members of a  
31 disadvantaged community.

32 (b) The Department of Food and Agriculture, in coordination  
33 with the State Department of Public Health, the California  
34 Department of Aging, the State Department of Social Services,  
35 and other agencies, shall competitively award grants pursuant to  
36 this section only to nonprofit organizations, county, city, or tribal  
37 governments, tribal organizations, tribal entities, farmers, ranchers,  
38 or agricultural cooperatives.

39 (c) In awarding grants pursuant to this section, the Department  
40 of Food and Agriculture shall prioritize projects for which a

1 one-time infusion of state dollars will help the project become  
2 self-sustaining.

3 (d) Grant moneys awarded pursuant to this section shall be  
4 allocated as follows:

5 (1) Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) to develop year-round  
6 infrastructure for certified farmers' markets, as defined in Section  
7 47004 of the Food and Agricultural Code, fishermen's markets,  
8 as defined in Section 113780 of the Health and Safety Code, or  
9 tribe-operated or native-serving farmers' markets to provide  
10 shoppers with high-quality fresh produce sold by California  
11 producers with a certified producer's certificate issued pursuant  
12 to Section 47020 of the Food and Agricultural Code, including,  
13 but not limited to, all of the following:

14 (A) All-weather infrastructure such as canopies and shade  
15 structures, tables and seating, market stalls, restrooms and hand  
16 wash stations, tent weights and tie-downs, produce washing  
17 stations, barricades and bollards for traffic management and  
18 pedestrian safety, bicycle parking racks, and other equipment.

19 (B) Facilities for food preparation, cooking demonstrations, and  
20 other nutrition education.

21 (C) Wireless electronic benefits transfer ~~point-of-sale~~  
22 *point-of-sale* terminals for market managers and producers to  
23 process CalFresh transactions.

24 (D) Wireless electronic benefits transfer ~~point-of-sale~~  
25 *point-of-sale* terminals for producers to accept the electronic cash  
26 value benefit through the program designed to implement the  
27 federal WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Act of 1992 (Public Law  
28 102-314) pursuant to Section 123279 of the Health and Safety  
29 Code.

30 (E) Other equipment to support the Senior Farmers' Market  
31 Nutrition Program, as described in Section 3007 of Title 7 of the  
32 United States Code.

33 (2) Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) to create or expand  
34 community-supported agriculture programs, as defined in Section  
35 47060 of the Food and Agricultural Code, including, but not limited  
36 to, expenditures for either of the following purposes:

37 (A) Facilities and supplies for storing, packing, processing, or  
38 establishing a main pickup point for produce.

39 (B) Delivery vehicles for transporting food products directly to  
40 residents in disadvantaged communities.



1 (3) Seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) to advance tribal food  
2 sovereignty to grow, produce, procure, and distribute foods that  
3 reflect culture and traditions and support the development of  
4 traditional food producers and vendors.

5 (4) (A) Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) to create or expand  
6 community or school food gardens, including community food  
7 producers as defined in Section 113752 of the Health and Safety  
8 Code, city and suburban agriculture using backyard, rooftop, or  
9 balcony gardening, indoor gardening, community gardening in  
10 vacant lots and parks, roadside urban fringe agriculture, and  
11 livestock grazing in open space, including for any of the following  
12 purposes:

13 (i) Lumber, irrigation systems, electrification projects, tool  
14 sheds, greenhouses, fencing, onsite refrigeration for food storage,  
15 and vehicles.

16 (ii) Equipment for food preparation, cooking demonstrations,  
17 and agricultural education.

18 (iii) Other community food garden equipment and supplies,  
19 which may include soil testing kits, soil amendments, raised beds,  
20 and drip irrigation systems.

21 (iv) Construction of community food gardens at multiunit  
22 housing facilities, vacant lots, places of worship, tribal  
23 communities, hospitals, and schools.

24 (v) Purchase of land, prioritizing ownership by community or  
25 accredited land trusts.

26 (vi) Construction of developments that combine housing with  
27 farms or community gardens and benefit residents of vulnerable  
28 populations or residents located in disadvantaged communities.

29 (vii) Construction of urban-edge agriculture parks to be leased  
30 as multiple small farms for organic or sustainable farming to  
31 produce food.

32 (viii) Local building, permitting, or planning fees incurred  
33 throughout the design, review, or construction process to create  
34 or expand a community food garden.

35 (ix) Projects that teach youth about careers in agriculture,  
36 emphasizing community gardening, horticulture, and education  
37 through outdoor, rooftop, and other gardening facilities to empower  
38 children and youth to grow their own food.

39 (B) At least 60 percent of the grant moneys awarded pursuant  
40 to this paragraph shall benefit disadvantaged communities.



1 (C) A project funded pursuant to this paragraph shall not be  
2 required to have a minimum acreage or minimum amount of  
3 production income.

4 (5) (A) Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) for use in  
5 disadvantaged communities and areas without easy access to  
6 supermarkets or grocery stores to create or expand mobile produce  
7 markets, mobile ~~farmers~~ *farmers'* markets, mobile food carts for  
8 selling produce, and mobile food pantries for distributing fresh  
9 fruits and vegetables, including for any of the following purposes:

10 (i) The purchase or lease of a bus, truck, van, cart, or other  
11 vehicle with space to display produce.

12 (ii) Retrofitting a vehicle or refrigeration and food safety  
13 infrastructure.

14 (iii) Wireless electronic benefits transfer ~~point-of-sale~~  
15 *point-of-sale* terminals for mobile produce markets and mobile  
16 farmers' markets to process CalFresh transactions.

17 (iv) Mobile technology applications or digital tools for  
18 communicating the availability of foods.

19 (B) Grant moneys awarded pursuant to this paragraph for the  
20 lease or purchase of vehicles shall prioritize fuel-efficient or  
21 zero-emission vehicles.

22 (6) Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to create or expand  
23 healthy food access outlets, including to provide infrastructure  
24 investments for healthy food access outlets, including food retail,  
25 food service, and grocery or meal dropoff facilities, in affordable  
26 housing developments or through home delivery, including, but  
27 not limited to, any of the following expansions of community or  
28 tribal-owned healthy food access outlets:

29 (A) The Healthy Refrigeration Grant Program created pursuant  
30 to Section 49015 of the Food and Agricultural Code, including  
31 refrigeration units provided to convenience stores, corner stores,  
32 food service facilities, grocery stores located in rural communities  
33 or on Indian reservations, and for use in mobile produce markets.

34 (B) Refrigeration units in community fridges run through mutual  
35 aid projects.

36 (7) (A) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for newly  
37 constructed or renovated community teaching kitchens that teach  
38 community members experiencing food insecurity how to plan,  
39 prepare, and cook using local and sustainable ingredients,  
40 emphasizing human health and well-being.

1 (B) Moneys allocated pursuant to this paragraph may be used  
2 to purchase major equipment, including all of the following:

- 3 (i) Refrigeration and freezer systems.
- 4 (ii) Dishwashers.
- 5 (iii) Baking equipment.
- 6 (iv) Ranges and convection ovens.
- 7 (v) Tables and furniture.
- 8 (vi) Other cooking equipment, supplies, and utensils.

9 (C) Moneys allocated pursuant to this paragraph may also be  
10 used for both of the following purposes:

- 11 (i) Permits and inspection fees required by local governments  
12 and tribal agencies.
- 13 (ii) Video equipment used to make teaching kitchen classes  
14 available via videoconferencing, recordings, and other means.

15 (D) Moneys allocated pursuant to this paragraph may be used  
16 to develop training programs for beginning food makers, food  
17 entrepreneurs, and farmers and ranchers developing value-added  
18 products for the purpose of bringing jobs to their communities.

19 (8) (A) Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to expand Food is  
20 Medicine programs administered by the State Department of Health  
21 Care Services, in collaboration with the California Department of  
22 Aging and the federal Indian Health Service.

23 (B) Grant moneys awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall  
24 prioritize infrastructure for the production and distribution of  
25 medically tailored meals pursuant to the Medically Tailored Meals  
26 Pilot Program established pursuant to Section 14042.1 of the  
27 Welfare and Institutions Code, and to support produce  
28 prescriptions, food pharmacies, and other appropriate nutrition  
29 services that address medical needs, including, but not limited to,  
30 all of the following:

- 31 (i) Production scale commercial kitchens, including facilities  
32 and equipment.
- 33 (ii) Refrigeration and freezer capacity.
- 34 (iii) Refrigerated vehicles or trailers.
- 35 (iv) Building improvements to expand capacity for providers  
36 of medically tailored meals, produce prescriptions, and food  
37 pharmacies.

38 (C) For purposes of this paragraph, “Food is Medicine  
39 programs” are programs prescribed by health care professionals  
40 that are designed to meet the dietary and health needs of vulnerable

1 people with chronic and acute illnesses through the Medically  
 2 Tailored Meals Pilot Program established pursuant to Section  
 3 14042.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

4 (e) The Department of Food and Agriculture may provide up  
 5 to 50 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to this section as  
 6 a cash advance for actual expenditures made by a recipient.

7 (f) Technical assistance and workforce development moneys  
 8 awarded pursuant to this section may be allocated for training to  
 9 support the procurement of California-produced organic food,  
 10 improving language accessibility, and implementation of the Local,  
 11 Equitable Access to Food (LEAF) Program (Chapter 14  
 12 (commencing with Section 49020)) of Division 17 of the Food  
 13 and Agricultural Code.

14 80744. (a) Of the moneys available pursuant to Section 80740,  
 15 twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be available to the  
 16 California Department of Aging to fund infrastructure that will  
 17 expand senior nutrition programs under the Mello-Granlund Older  
 18 Californians Act (Division 8.5 (commencing with Section 9000)  
 19 of the Welfare and Institutions Code).

20 (b) In allocating moneys pursuant to this section, the California  
 21 Department of Aging shall prioritize purchasing, upgrading, or  
 22 refurbishing infrastructure for the production and distribution of  
 23 congregate or home-delivered meals, including, but not limited  
 24 to, any of the following:

- 25 (1) Production-scale commercial kitchens.
- 26 (2) Warming, refrigeration, or freezer capacity.
- 27 (3) Refrigerated vehicles.
- 28 (4) Building improvements to expand capacity for providers of  
 29 meals.
- 30 (5) Technological or data system infrastructure for monitoring  
 31 client health outcomes.
- 32 (6) Food from local producers, socially disadvantaged farmers  
 33 or ranchers, farmers and ranchers located in disadvantaged  
 34 communities, and producers, farmers, and ranchers who use  
 35 sustainable agriculture practices, including organic agriculture.
- 36 (7) Expanding infrastructure to support farm-to-seniors programs  
 37 that improve older adults' access to California grown and produced  
 38 food, focusing on local organic produce and local meat, poultry,  
 39 and dairy products.

1 CHAPTER 5. STRENGTHENING REGIONAL FOOD ECONOMIES

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3 80750. The sum of nine hundred fifteen million dollars  
4 (\$915,000,000) shall be available for purposes of this chapter.

5 80751. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
6 80750, four hundred seventy million dollars (\$470,000,000) shall  
7 be available to the Department of Food and Agriculture for grants  
8 to enhance local and regional food and fiber infrastructure in  
9 response to changing climate conditions, to strengthen urban-rural  
10 connectivity, and to support the development of a resilient and  
11 equitable food economy, including for any of the following  
12 purposes:

13 (1) To develop or upgrade aggregation, primary processing,  
14 cooling, and storage facilities for farm and fiber products, with a  
15 focus on regions that have insufficient capacity to meet the needs  
16 of farmers.

17 (2) To develop or upgrade processing facilities and supply chain  
18 infrastructure in urban and rural areas, including those that could  
19 increase capacity when needed to support emergency food  
20 distribution.

21 (3) To support the development of value-added processing of  
22 agricultural products that increase income and market opportunities  
23 for farmers and ranchers, including upgrades to producer or handler  
24 facilities to comply with organic certification requirements.

25 (4) To develop or upgrade facilities that support the development  
26 and growth of new food and fiber businesses, including commercial  
27 or community kitchens and food and fiber processing, cooling,  
28 storage, and distribution facilities.

29 (b) In awarding grants pursuant to this section, the Department  
30 of Food and Agriculture shall prioritize all of the following:

31 (1) Projects that provide culturally relevant food access.

32 (2) Projects that support job creation, training, and placement.

33 (3) Projects, such as food hubs and marketing cooperatives, that  
34 meet the supply chain and marketing needs of locally and  
35 regionally produced food and fiber products.

36 (4) Projects, including agriculture centers and food hubs, that  
37 incorporate support for producers during public safety power  
38 shutoffs and disasters, including backup energy supply for  
39 recharging battery powered equipment, temporary housing of

1 evacuated livestock, and food preservation equipment or cold  
2 storage.

3 (5) Projects that have been included or identified as needed in  
4 producer or community-guided regional food system planning  
5 processes implemented with local public and philanthropic moneys  
6 or local, state, or federal moneys.

7 (c) The Department of Food and Agriculture shall award grants  
8 pursuant to this section only to farmers, ranchers, nonprofit  
9 organizations, local governments, tribal governments, and  
10 businesses, including cooperatives.

11 80752. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
12 80750, thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available to  
13 the State Coastal Conservancy for grants and expenditures for the  
14 development, restoration, and reconstruction of fishing facilities  
15 and related infrastructure serving the commercial fishing industry  
16 in urban coastal waterfront areas.

17 (b) The State Coastal Conservancy shall award grants pursuant  
18 to this section only to public entities, nonprofit organizations, and  
19 tribal governments, that provide fishing facilities and related  
20 infrastructure to the commercial fishing industry.

21 (c) For purposes of this section, “fishing facilities and related  
22 infrastructure” include, but are not limited to, fish handling and  
23 processing infrastructure and facilities, such as public hoists, ice  
24 machines, gear storage, refrigeration, freezers, and other processing  
25 facilities, and canneries.

26 80753. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
27 80750, sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) shall be available to  
28 the Department of Food and Agriculture for grants to develop meat  
29 processing facilities and expand or upgrade meat processing  
30 facilities to increase meat processing capacity, including for any  
31 of the following purposes:

32 (1) To build, expand, or upgrade meat processing infrastructure  
33 for slaughter, cut and wrap, and value-added processing.

34 (2) To develop mobile meat processing facilities that meet  
35 federal inspection and certification guidelines and can serve  
36 multiple meat producers.

37 (3) To upgrade inspection protocols and data and communication  
38 hardware commensurate with a robust meat inspection service to  
39 enable interstate and intrastate sales of meat and poultry from state  
40 inspected plants.

1 (4) To reimburse all or a portion of the costs associated with  
2 meeting federal inspection and certification requirements.

3 (b) The Department of Food and Agriculture shall award grants  
4 pursuant to this section only to meat processing or tribal businesses  
5 that have less than 150 employees.

6 (c) In awarding grants pursuant to this section, the Department  
7 of Food and Agriculture shall prioritize disadvantaged communities  
8 and tribal nations.

9 80754. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
10 80750, one hundred ten million dollars (\$110,000,000) shall be  
11 available to the State Energy Resources Conservation and  
12 Development Commission for allocation to accelerate the adoption  
13 of energy-efficient and renewable energy technologies at California  
14 food processing plants, help California food processors work  
15 towards a low-carbon future, and benefit disadvantaged  
16 communities and priority populations by reducing emissions of  
17 greenhouse gases.

18 (b) Allocations received by a food processor pursuant to this  
19 section shall be used to demonstrate the food processor's reliability  
20 and effectiveness.

21 (c) In allocating moneys pursuant to subdivision (a), the State  
22 Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission  
23 shall prioritize food processors that primarily serve local and  
24 regional in-state markets.

25 (d) Up to 5 percent of the moneys allocated pursuant to  
26 subdivision (a) may be used to provide technical assistance,  
27 including program outreach, to potential applicants for project  
28 development, completing applications, and project implementation.  
29 Of these moneys allocated for technical assistance, the State Energy  
30 Resources Conservation and Development Commission shall  
31 prioritize supporting small-scale food processors supplying local  
32 and regional in-state markets.

33 80755. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
34 80750, fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be available to  
35 the Department of Food and Agriculture for grants to develop  
36 regional farmer training centers to provide culturally relevant  
37 assistance for farmers and ranchers.

38 (b) Nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, tribal  
39 organizations, and public agencies shall be eligible to be awarded  
40 a grant pursuant to this section.

- 1 (c) (1) A project eligible to be funded through a grant awarded  
 2 pursuant to this section shall meet all of the following requirements:  
 3 (A) Primarily serve a disadvantaged community.  
 4 (B) Provide assistance to beginning farmers and ranchers.  
 5 (C) Maximize environmental, public health, and economic  
 6 cobenefits to nearby disadvantaged communities.  
 7 (D) Include an advisory group or body that consists of  
 8 community members from disadvantaged communities and socially  
 9 disadvantaged farmers or ranchers involved with, or with  
 10 knowledge of, sustainable agriculture, organic agriculture, or  
 11 indigenous land stewardship and agricultural practices.
- 12 (2) Projects eligible to be funded through a grant awarded  
 13 pursuant to this section include, but are not limited to, projects that  
 14 purchase land or build infrastructure to develop regional farmer  
 15 training sites to enable socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers,  
 16 beginning farmers and ranchers, farmers and ranchers located in  
 17 disadvantaged communities, and farmworkers entering farm  
 18 management to share agricultural and ecological knowledge.
- 19 (d) In awarding grants pursuant to this section, the Department  
 20 of Food and Agriculture shall prioritize training sites in  
 21 disadvantaged communities, and award the majority of the grant  
 22 moneys to projects that serve socially disadvantaged farmers or  
 23 ranchers or farmers and ranchers located in disadvantaged  
 24 communities or provide farm management and business training  
 25 to farmworkers to develop new farm operations.
- 26 80756. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
 27 80750, thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available to  
 28 the Department of Conservation for grants to develop small and  
 29 underserved farmer equipment and cooperative resource programs  
 30 for growers by funding existing and new programs to provide  
 31 technical assistance and grants to purchase equipment and  
 32 infrastructure, upgrade and create facilities that store tools,  
 33 equipment, and infrastructure, and fund maintenance, training, and  
 34 personnel costs.
- 35 (b) The purposes for which grant moneys awarded pursuant to  
 36 this section may be used include, but are not limited to, both of  
 37 the following:  
 38 (1) Grants to develop and expand equipment sharing, including  
 39 to do either of the following:



1 (A) Purchase tools, equipment, and infrastructure to support  
2 conservation practices, including, but not limited to, soil health  
3 practices, water conservation, and wildfire resilience.

4 (B) Purchase equipment and infrastructure to enhance regional  
5 food systems and cooperative resources for small and underserved  
6 farmers.

7 (2) Technical assistance to support cooperative development,  
8 training on and maintenance of tools, equipment, and infrastructure,  
9 and outreach to ensure direct and meaningful benefits to socially  
10 disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

11 (c) Infrastructure eligible to be purchased using grant moneys  
12 awarded pursuant to this section includes, but is not limited to,  
13 roller crimpers, seed drills, wood chippers, compost spreaders,  
14 tractor trailers, processing equipment, and no-till drills.

15 (d) Entities eligible to be awarded a grant, or otherwise  
16 supported, pursuant to this section include resource conservation  
17 districts, University of California Cooperative Extensions, small  
18 and underserved farmer cooperatives, and nonprofit organizations  
19 serving small and underserved farmers.

20 (e) Of the moneys allocated pursuant to this section, the  
21 Department of Conservation shall do all of the following:

22 (1) Provide incentives to socially disadvantaged farmers and  
23 ranchers.

24 (2) If, after providing incentives to socially disadvantaged  
25 farmers and ranchers pursuant to paragraph (1), there are  
26 unallocated moneys, then provide incentives to beginning farmers  
27 and ranchers.

28 (3) If, after providing incentives to socially disadvantaged and  
29 beginning farmers and ranchers pursuant to paragraphs (1) and  
30 (2), there are unallocated moneys, then provide incentives to any  
31 farmer or rancher.

32 80757. (a) Of the moneys made available pursuant to Section  
33 80750, two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be  
34 available to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery  
35 for grants or performance payments to commercial compost  
36 facilities, public agencies, tribal governments, tribal organizations,  
37 producers, or tribal producers to support the development and  
38 implementation of projects to improve outdoor air quality through  
39 avoidance of black carbon and of nitrous oxide and methane  
40 emissions through increased diversion of organics from combustion



1 or landfill disposal to composting facilities, including composting  
 2 facilities with the capacity to remove glass and plastic  
 3 contamination from the organic waste so that organic waste can  
 4 be safely applied to agricultural lands.

5 (b) To support immediate infrastructure deployments to create  
 6 jobs and promote economic recovery, the Department of Resources  
 7 Recycling and Recovery shall award grants or make performance  
 8 payments for compost infrastructure, including compost spreaders  
 9 for farms to apply compost, and food recovery projects at existing  
 10 and new community composting facilities, onfarm composting  
 11 facilities, and commercial composting facilities to reduce  
 12 short-lived climate pollutants and nitrous oxide emissions and to  
 13 support sequestration of carbon in the state’s agricultural and urban  
 14 soils.

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 16 CHAPTER 6. FISCAL PROVISIONS  
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18 80770. (a) Bonds in the total amount of three billion three  
 19 hundred sixty-five million dollars (\$3,365,000,000), not including  
 20 the amount of any refunding bonds issued in accordance with  
 21 Section 80779, may be issued and sold for the purposes expressed  
 22 in this division and to reimburse the General Obligation Bond  
 23 Expense Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 16724.5 of the  
 24 Government Code. The bonds, when sold, issued, and delivered,  
 25 shall be and constitute a valid and binding obligation of the State  
 26 of California, and the full faith and credit of the State of California  
 27 is hereby pledged for the punctual payment of both principal of,  
 28 and interest on, the bonds as the principal and interest become due  
 29 and payable.

30 (b) The Treasurer shall issue and sell the bonds authorized in  
 31 subdivision (a) in the amount determined by the committee to be  
 32 necessary or desirable pursuant to Section 80773. The bonds shall  
 33 be issued and sold upon the terms and conditions specified in a  
 34 resolution to be adopted by the committee pursuant to Section  
 35 16731 of the Government Code.

36 80771. (a) (1) The bonds authorized by this division shall be  
 37 prepared, executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided  
 38 in the State General Obligation Bond Law, and all of the provisions  
 39 of that law apply to the bonds and to this division and are hereby  
 40 incorporated in this division as though set forth in full in this

1 division, except that Section 16727 of the Government Code shall  
2 not apply.

3 (2) Proceeds from the sale of any bonds issued pursuant to this  
4 division shall be used only for any of the following purposes:

5 (A) For the purposes authorized in this division.

6 (B) To repay moneys borrowed in anticipation of the sale of the  
7 bonds, including interest, and to pay interest on the bonds  
8 themselves.

9 (C) To pay the costs of a state agency with responsibility for  
10 administering the bond program, including costs incurred by the  
11 Treasurer, Controller, Department of Finance, and State Public  
12 Works Board for staff, operating expenses, and equipment, and  
13 consultants' costs.

14 (D) To pay the costs of the Treasurer's office directly associated  
15 with the sale and payment of the bonds, including, but not limited  
16 to, underwriting discounts, costs of printing, bond counsel,  
17 registration, and fees of trustees.

18 (b) For purposes of this division, the references to "committee"  
19 in the State General Obligation Bond Law shall mean the  
20 Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and  
21 Farmworker Protection Committee created in Section 80772, and  
22 the references to "board" in the State General Obligation Bond  
23 Law shall mean the Secretary of Food and Agriculture.

24 80772. (a) Solely for the purpose of authorizing the issuance  
25 and sale pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law of  
26 the bonds authorized by this division, the Climate-resilient Farms,  
27 Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection  
28 Committee is hereby created.

29 (b) The committee consists of the Controller, the Treasurer, and  
30 the Director of Finance. Notwithstanding any other law, any  
31 member may designate a representative to act as that member in  
32 the member's place for all purposes, as though the member were  
33 personally present.

34 (c) The Treasurer shall serve as chairperson of the committee.  
35 A majority of the committee may act for the committee.

36 80773. The committee shall determine by resolution if it is  
37 necessary or desirable to issue and sell bonds authorized pursuant  
38 to this division in order to carry out the actions specified in this  
39 division and, if so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold.  
40 Successive issues of bonds may be authorized and sold to carry

1 out those actions progressively, and it is not necessary that all of  
 2 the bonds authorized to be issued be sold at any one time.

3 80774. There shall be collected each year and in the same  
 4 manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected,  
 5 in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state, a sum in an amount  
 6 required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds  
 7 becoming due each year. It is the duty of all officers charged by  
 8 law with any duty in regard to the collection of the revenue to do  
 9 and perform each and every act that is necessary to collect that  
 10 additional sum.

11 80775. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government  
 12 Code, there is hereby continuously appropriated from the General  
 13 Fund in the State Treasury, for the purposes of this division and  
 14 without regard to fiscal years, an amount that equals the total of  
 15 the following:

16 (a) The sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and  
 17 interest on, bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division, as the  
 18 principal and interest become due and payable.

19 (b) The sum necessary to carry out Section 80777.

20 80776. The board may request the Pooled Money Investment  
 21 Board to make a loan from the Pooled Money Investment Account,  
 22 in accordance with Section 16312 of the Government Code, for  
 23 the purpose of carrying out this division less any amount withdrawn  
 24 pursuant to Section 80777 and not yet returned to the General  
 25 Fund. The amount of the request shall not exceed the amount of  
 26 the unsold bonds that the committee has, by resolution, authorized  
 27 to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this division, excluding  
 28 any refunding bonds authorized pursuant to Section 80779, less  
 29 any amount loaned pursuant to this section and not yet repaid and  
 30 any amount withdrawn from the General Fund pursuant to Section  
 31 80777 and not yet returned to the General Fund. The board shall  
 32 execute any documents required by the Pooled Money Investment  
 33 Board to obtain and repay the loan. Any amounts loaned shall be  
 34 deposited into the fund to be allocated by the board in accordance  
 35 with this division.

36 80777. For the purposes of carrying out this division, the  
 37 Director of Finance may authorize the withdrawal from the General  
 38 Fund of an amount not to exceed the amount of the unsold bonds  
 39 that have been authorized by the committee to be sold for the  
 40 purpose of carrying out this division, excluding any refunding

1 bonds authorized pursuant to Section 80779, less any amount  
2 loaned pursuant to Section 80776 and not yet repaid, and any  
3 amount withdrawn from the General Fund pursuant to this section  
4 and not yet returned to the General Fund. Any amounts withdrawn  
5 shall be deposited in the fund. Any moneys made available under  
6 this section shall be returned to the General Fund from proceeds  
7 received from the sale of bonds for the purpose of carrying out  
8 this division.

9 80778. All moneys deposited into the fund that are derived  
10 from premium and accrued interest on bonds sold pursuant to this  
11 division shall be reserved in the fund and shall be available for  
12 transfer to the General Fund as a credit to expenditures for bond  
13 interest, except those amounts derived from premium may be  
14 reserved and used to pay the cost of bond issuance before any  
15 transfer to the General Fund.

16 80779. The bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division  
17 may be refunded in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with  
18 Section 16780) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of  
19 the Government Code, which is a part of the State General  
20 Obligation Bond Law. Approval by the voters of the state for the  
21 issuance of the bonds described in this division includes the  
22 approval of the issuance of any bonds issued to refund any bonds  
23 originally issued under this division or any previously issued  
24 refunding bonds. Any bond refunded with the proceeds of  
25 refunding bonds as authorized by this section may be legally  
26 defeased to the extent permitted by law in the manner and to the  
27 extent set forth in the resolution, as amended from time to time,  
28 authorizing that refunded bond.

29 80780. Notwithstanding any other provision of this division,  
30 or of the State General Obligation Bond Law, if the Treasurer sells  
31 bonds pursuant to this division that include a bond counsel opinion  
32 to the effect that the interest on the bonds is excluded from gross  
33 income for federal tax purposes under designated conditions or is  
34 otherwise entitled to any federal tax advantage, the Treasurer may  
35 maintain separate accounts for the investment of bond proceeds  
36 and for the investment of earnings on those proceeds. The Treasurer  
37 may use or direct the use of those proceeds or earnings to pay any  
38 rebate, penalty, or other payment required under federal law or  
39 take any other action with respect to the investment and use of  
40 those bond proceeds or earnings required or desirable under federal

1 law to maintain the ~~tax-exempt~~ *tax-exempt* status of those bonds  
2 and to obtain any other advantage under federal law on behalf of  
3 the funds of this state.

4 80781. The proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this  
5 division are not “proceeds of taxes” as that term is used in Article  
6 XIII B of the California Constitution, and the disbursement of  
7 these proceeds is not subject to the limitations imposed by that  
8 article.

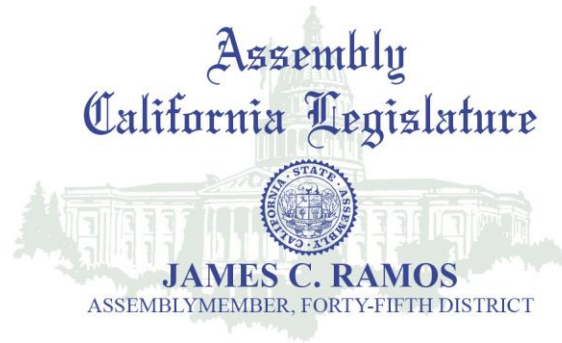
9 SEC. 2. The provisions of this act are severable. If any  
10 provision of this act or its application is held invalid, that invalidity  
11 shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given  
12 effect without the invalid provision or application.

13 SEC. 3. Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon the approval  
14 by the voters of the Climate-resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy  
15 Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Bond Act of 2024, as  
16 set forth in Section 1 of this act.

17 SEC. 4. Section 1 of this act shall be submitted by the Secretary  
18 of State to the voters at the November 5, 2024, statewide general  
19 election in accordance with provisions of the Government Code  
20 and the Elections Code governing the submission of a statewide  
21 measure to the voters.

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May 10, 2023

Assembly Rules Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 6250  
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Dear Assembly Rules Committee,

I am writing to respectfully request an urgency clause be applied to AB 854 (Ramos, 2023) for purposes of ratifying a tribal-state gaming compact between the State of California and the Redding Rancheria.

An urgency clause is necessary as this gives the compact a two thirds vote, protecting the ratification from litigation. AB 854 must take effect immediately to enhance the economic development, stability, and self-sufficiency of the Redding Rancheria and to protect the interests of the tribe and its members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Ramos", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

James C. Ramos  
Assemblymember, 45<sup>th</sup> District

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 3, 2023

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 854**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Lackey~~ Ramos  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Lackey)**

February 14, 2023

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An act to amend Section 19540 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing; add Section 12012.106 to the Government Code, relating to tribal gaming.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 854, as amended, ~~Lackey~~ Ramos. ~~Horse racing: fairs: steeplechase, barrel, and show jumping racing.~~ Tribal gaming: compact ratification.

*The existing federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 provides for the negotiation and execution of tribal-state gaming compacts for the purpose of authorizing certain types of gaming on Indian lands within a state. The California Constitution authorizes the Governor to negotiate and conclude tribal-state gaming compacts, subject to ratification by the Legislature. Existing law expressly ratifies a number of tribal-state gaming compacts between the State of California and specified Indian tribes.*

*The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.*

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*This bill would ratify the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the Redding Rancheria, California, executed on March 30, 2023. The bill would provide that, in deference to tribal sovereignty, certain actions related to this compact are not projects for purposes of CEQA.*

~~Under existing law, the California Horse Racing Board has all powers necessary to carry out the purposes of the Horse Racing Law, such as adopting rules and regulations to protect the public, allocating dates for, and controlling, horse racing and parimutuel wagering, and enforcing all rules and regulations. Existing law requires that, whenever a fair conducts a program of horse races on which there is parimutuel wagering, the fair, so far as practicable, provide a program of racing that includes thoroughbred racing, quarter horse racing, Arabian racing, and Appaloosa racing, if a sufficient number of horses is available to provide competition in one or more races. Under existing law, parimutuel wagering may be conducted on barrel races, show jumping races, and steeplechase races at any public or private facility that has been approved and licensed by the board.~~

~~This bill would require that, whenever a fair conducts a program of horse races on which there is parimutuel wagering, the fair, so far as practicable, provide a program of racing that includes, in addition to the types of racing included under existing law, steeplechase racing, barrel racing, and show jumping racing.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 12012.106 is added to the Government
- 2     Code, to read:
- 3     12012.106. (a) *The tribal-state gaming compact entered into*
- 4     *in accordance with the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of*
- 5     *1988 (18 U.S.C. Secs. 1166 to 1168, inclusive, and 25 U.S.C. Sec.*
- 6     *2701 et seq.) between the State of California and the Redding*
- 7     *Rancheria, California executed on March 30, 2023, is hereby*
- 8     *ratified.*
- 9     (b) (1) *In deference to tribal sovereignty, none of the following*
- 10    *shall be deemed a project for purposes of the California*
- 11    *Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section*
- 12    *21000) of the Public Resources Code):*



1 (A) *The execution of the tribal-state gaming compact ratified*  
2 *by this section.*

3 (B) *The execution of an amendment to the tribal-state gaming*  
4 *compact ratified by this section.*

5 (C) *The execution of an intergovernmental agreement between*  
6 *the tribe and a county or city government negotiated pursuant to*  
7 *the express authority of, or as expressly referenced in, the*  
8 *tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.*

9 (D) *The execution of an intergovernmental agreement between*  
10 *the tribe and the Department of Transportation, or other state*  
11 *agency, negotiated pursuant to the express authority of, or as*  
12 *expressly referenced in, the tribal-state gaming compact ratified*  
13 *by this section.*

14 (E) *The on-reservation impacts of compliance with the terms*  
15 *of the tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.*

16 (2) *Except as expressly provided in this section, this subdivision*  
17 *does not exempt a city, county, or city and county, or the*  
18 *Department of Transportation, or any state agency or local*  
19 *jurisdiction, from the requirements of the California Environmental*  
20 *Quality Act.*

21 ~~SECTION 1. Section 19540 of the Business and Professions~~  
22 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

23 ~~19540. In order to encourage and develop the racing of all~~  
24 ~~horses in California, regardless of breed, whenever a fair conducts~~  
25 ~~a program of horse races on which there is parimutuel wagering,~~  
26 ~~the fair, so far as practicable, shall provide a program of racing~~  
27 ~~that includes thoroughbred racing, quarter horse racing, Arabian~~  
28 ~~racing, Appaloosa racing, steeplechase racing, barrel racing, and~~  
29 ~~show jumping racing, if a sufficient number of horses is available~~  
30 ~~to provide competition in one or more races.~~

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